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Dominates Argentina to win 2nd World Cup

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MORE FOR LESS

NY outspends all on education as schools shrink

New York is spending more on education than any state in the nation despite shrinking schools and 12% fewer students than 15 years ago, a new report found. There are 930,272 students in the city public school system, a drop of 188,864 students from a decade ago, when it had more than 1.1 million students, according to the report.

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Outbreak source likely nixed: officials

Legionnaires' death toll at 3

DECLINE: The bacteria (inset) was found in places including The Spence School (above) on East 91st Street.

Getty Images/Matthew McDermott for NY Post

By NICHOLAS McENTYRE

A third person has died from the Legionnaires' disease cluster on the Upper East Side, health officials announced, but the recent decline in new cases suggests that the source of the deadly outbreak has likely been eliminated.

"It is with great sadness that I report a third person has died in connection with the Legionnaires' disease community cluster on the Upper East Side. Our hearts are with their family and friends as they mourn their loss," NYC Health Commissioner Dr. Alister F. Martin said Sunday.

The latest death marks the third day in a row that health officials have announced the bacterial disease claimed a life. The first death connected to the outbreak in the posh Manhattan neighborhood was announced on Friday.

None of those killed by the illness has been identified.

The latest Legionnaires' disease outbreak to strike the city has seen at least 74 cases with more than 59 people hospitalized.

Eight remained in the hospital as of Sunday night, officials said.

Cases down

An average of one new case had been reported per day between July 10-17, a sharp decline from the first week of July, when an average of over eight new cases were being reported daily, officials said.

Health officials have also not identified anyone with new symptoms for more than a week — which means the city likely terminated the source of the outbreak, Martin said.

"We believe the source of exposure has likely been eliminated due to our aggressive remediation and enforcement efforts," Martin said said.

All of the victims have been on the Upper East Side from the cluster in the Carnegie Hill and Yorkville neighborhoods.

The disease — which stems from Legionella bacteria that has been found in 76 cooling towers across Upper East Side neighborhoods and one on the Upper West Side — is a deadly type of pneumonia that can be treated with antibiotics if caught early.

City officials ordered all buildings that returned positive screening results to clean and disinfect their systems as part of the investigation.

All required remediations were completed by July 16.

Last year, there was an outbreak of the disease in Harlem that killed five people and sickened 114.

DSA big dunked on

The New York City Democratic Socialists of America lefty co-chair ripped into Big Apple landlords during an interview — but was swiftly shut down by a quick-thinking Fox News host.

Gustavo Gordillo appeared on Fox News' "The Story with Martha MacCallum" on Friday and harshly criticized New York landlords and how much they make.

"Landlords in New York have been making a 12 percent return on their investment, on average," Gordillo said.

"What's fair for the landlord to make if you don't like 12 [percent]?" MacCallum asked.

Gordillo said that landlords are "complaining" that 12 percent on their investment is not enough and he doesn't "think anyone should have a constitutional right to double-digit returns on their investment."

The presenter then asks, "No one should have a right to a double-digit return?" to which Gordillo responds with, "No one has a right."

"What are you talking about?" a dumbfounded MacCallum asks, adding, "They're trying to run a business." *Ella Morrison*

CNN pundit pans far left

Famed progressive CNN pundit Van Jones is blasting the far left for pushing "crazy ideas" and "turds" — while warning the mainstream of the Democratic Party is too worn down to rein in the extremists.

"I'm a strong Democrat, with a winning bipartisan track record. I'm rooted in progressive ideals and policies: criminal justice reform, Green New Deal. . . . These are ideas I have fought for," Jones said on X over the weekend.

"But some people in groups like the DSA are pushing an agenda FAR outside those ideals. Supporting Hamas is not progressive," he said. "STOP pooping in the punch bowl — and telling us the turds are ice cubes." *Ryan King*

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World Cup Final's glitzy show draws red card

IT'S MORE THAN JUST 'HALF' BAD

By ANTOINETTE BUENO

OFF KEY: The hyped-up halftime show for Sunday's World Cup Final, featuring stars (clockwise from above) Shakira, Madonna and Justin Bieber, was called "crap" by legendary former English soccer star Wayne Rooney.

AFP via Getty Images; Reuters (2)

The World Cup Final's highly anticipated star-studded halftime show featuring everyone from Justin Bieber to Madonna and BTS ended up being an underwhelming, confusing bunch of "crap," critics said Sunday.

The superstars co-headlined the halftime show, which was curated by Coldplay frontman Chris Martin, Sunday at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. The star power was considerable, but the overall combination proved to be a bad mix of energy, odd transitions, and an overall feeling of discord.

When asked on air by BBC Sport what he thought of the show, legendary English soccer star Wayne Rooney bluntly said, "I like a lot of them artists, but I thought it was crap."

Madonna took the stage first and didn't even sing live, instead lip-syncing to her 2000 hit "Music" with dancers roller skating around her before dramatically walking out of a tunnel and stepping onto the field.

Celebs on hand

Her performance transitioned into a strange focus on the Muppets' Animal playing the drums to the White Stripes' hit "Seven Nation Army," apropos of nothing.

BTS then gave a formulaic but energetic performance of "Dynamite," before Jason Sudeikis walked on out of nowhere to make an inexplicable appearance as his beloved character Ted Lasso to introduce Justin Bieber.

Bieber proceeded to slow the pace down considerably, performing his hit "Everything Hallelujah" acoustically while playing guitar.

Shakira then took the stage with Burna Boy to sing "Dai Dai," shaking her hips and bringing the energy abruptly back up.

Lastly, Coldplay also took the stage along with Gustavo Dudamel and PS22 Chorus — a viral choir of fourth- and fifth-graders from New York — to close the show. The children all wore colorful jerseys and danced energetically as "Love" with a globe was spelled out on the field, which was a feel-good moment, but not enough to save the entire patchwork production.

The performance marked the first halftime show in FIFA World Cup history. A-list celebs were in the stands to watch, including Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Adrien Brody, as well as Timothée Chalamet and girlfriend Kylie Jenner.

The star-studded show supported the FIFA Global Citizen Education Fund, an initiative working to raise $100 million to expand access to quality education and football for children worldwide. The Education Fund has already raised over $50 million, and $1 from every ticket sold to FIFA World Cup 2026 matches was donated throughout the tournament.

Spain beat Argentina 1-0 in the final for its second World Cup title.

Martin announced the halftime show performance in May, with an adorable video featuring "Sesame Street" icons Elmo and Cookie Monster, as well as the Muppets' Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, and Animal.

The video showed Martin and Elmo asking BTS members Jin, Suga, J-Hope, RM, Jimin, V and Jung Kook via FaceTime if they wanted to join the halftime show performance.

Tough ticket

"It's a chance to show how amazing all different types of humans are," Martin says in the heartwarming video.

"This show is more about 'we' than 'me,' " he later shares.

A seat at the World Cup Final was a hot commodity even amid A-listers, with sources telling Page Six that tickets were almost "impossible" to get ahead of the match.

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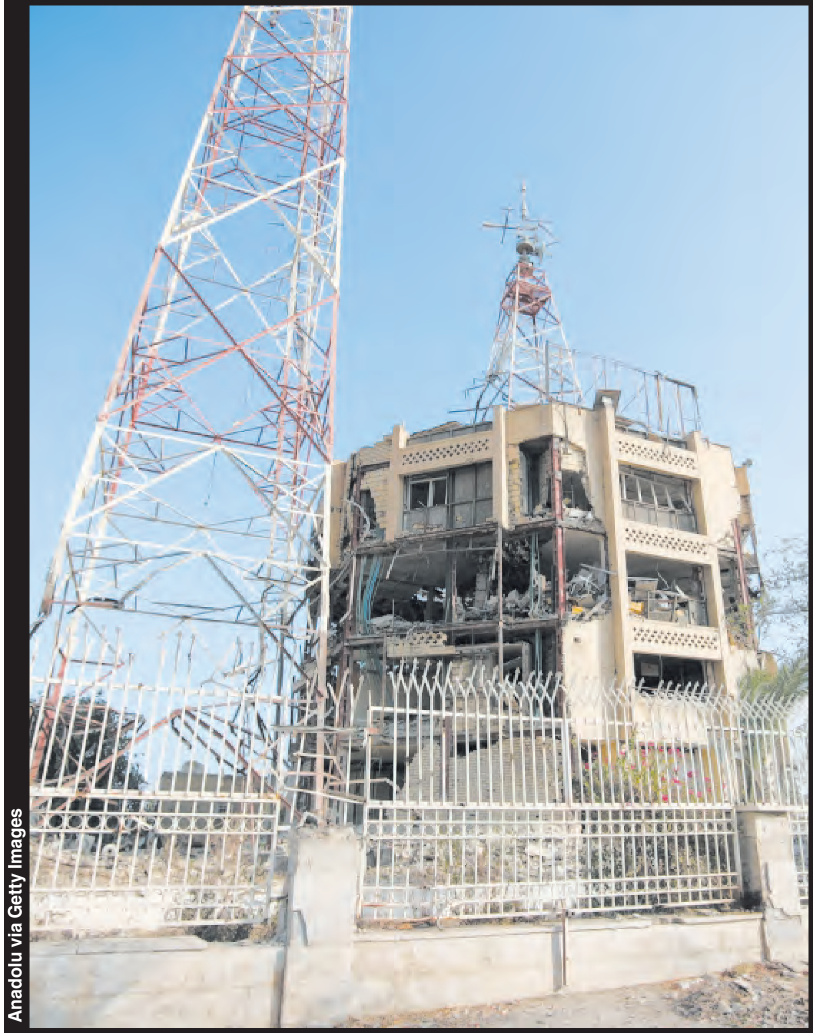
Another US soldier killed in conflict

WAR'S TRAGIC TOLL RISES



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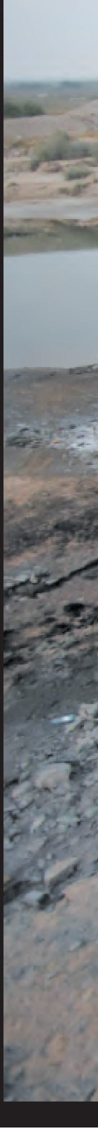
STRIKING BACK: Iranian infrastructure, including a radio tower and bridge in Hormozgan province, lay in ruins Sunday following more than a week of retaliatory airstrikes by American forces.



By JORGE FITZ-GIBBON,
NICHOLAS MCENTYRE,
ANTHONY BLAIR
and RONNY REYES

Another American service member has been killed in the Iran war, US Central Command said Sunday — while adding that remains have been found in the area where a soldier went missing in an earlier attack.

The most recent tragic casualty occurred as US forces attempted a controlled detonation of unexploded devices from a downed Iranian attack drone in Iraq on Saturday, CENTCOM said.

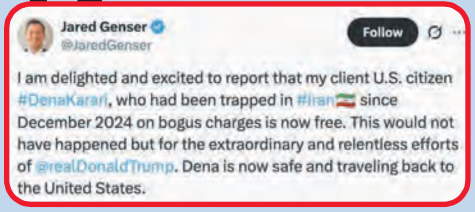
One service member was killed and another suffered minor injuries, it said.

The grim announcement came the day after two US service members were killed in Jordan in an Iranian airstrike that left a third soldier missing in action.

Bogus spy detainee home

X/@JaredGenser

WELCOME BACK: Dena Karari arrives in San Francisco.



Jared Genser
@JaredGenser

I am delighted and excited to report that my client U.S. citizen #DenaKarari, who had been trapped in #Iran since December 2024 on bogus charges is now free. This would not have happened but for the extraordinary and relentless efforts of @realDonaldTrump. Dena is now safe and traveling back to the United States.

An American woman wrongfully detained in Iran for a year and a half on spying charges has now landed back in the US, her attorney announced.

Dena Karari, who was locked up by the Iranian regime for 566 days and charged with espionage, wore an American flag around her shoulders as she arrived in San Francisco, according to a photo shared by her human rights lawyer on Saturday.

"Welcome home Dena Karari from Iran to the land of the free and the home of the brave— after 566 days wrongly detained by the Iranian regime," attorney Jared Genser wrote on X. "THANK YOU to all who made this day possible, known and unknown. We must now redouble our efforts to get all the other Americans out!"

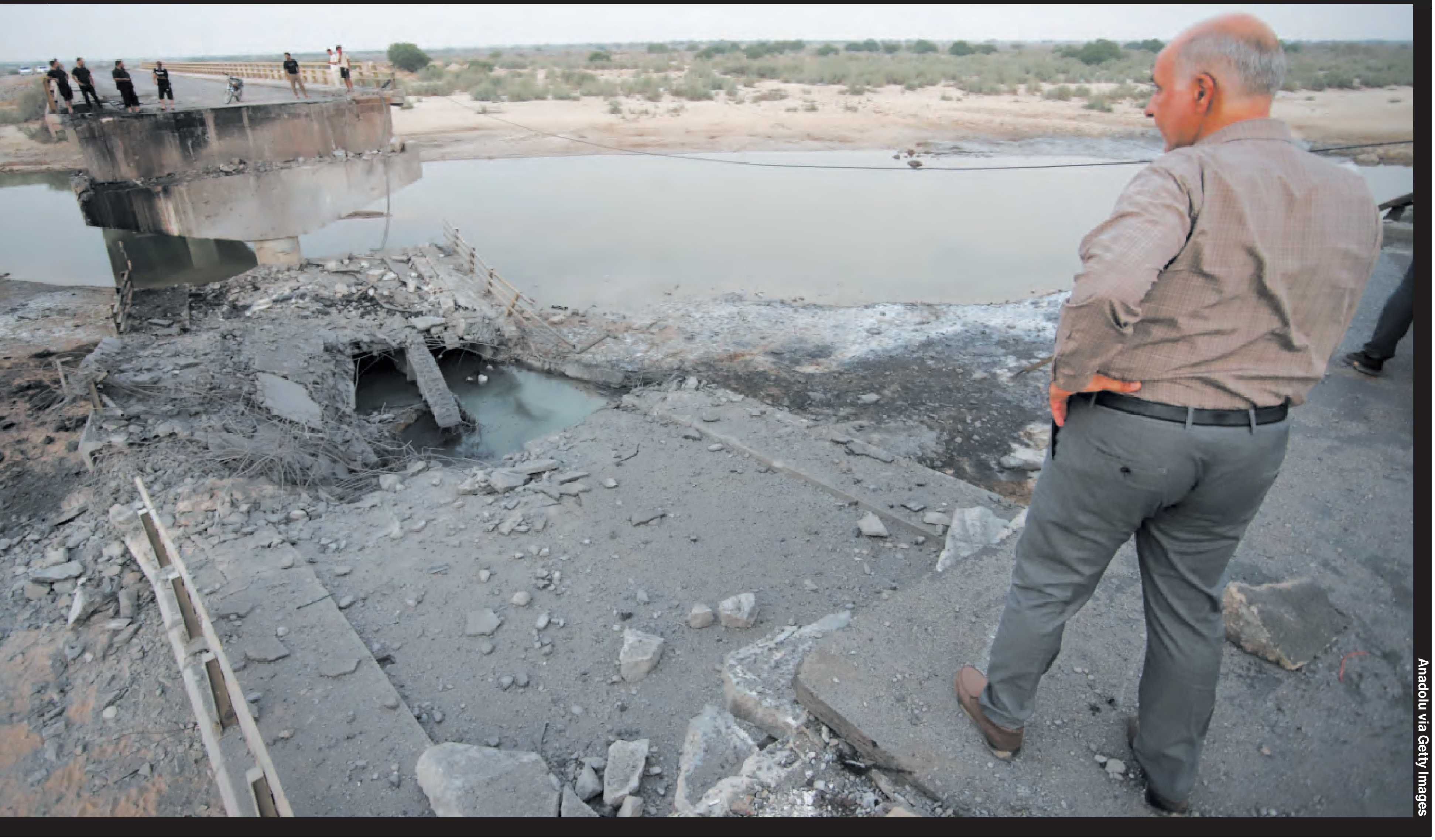
The dual Iranian American citizen worked for a US technology company and also ran a charity for children in Iran, according to the The New York Times.

President Trump announced the release of Karari as a "gesture of goodwill" by Iran on Wednesday.

"Iran has allowed an American Citizen, who was wrongfully detained in December of 2024 under the 'presidency' of Sleepy Joe Biden, to leave the Country," he wrote on Truth Social on Wednesday.

"She is now safely outside of Iran, and in good condition," the president added. "The United States of America appreciates this gesture of Goodwill by Iran!" *Nicholas McEntyre*

as fighting escalates across Mideast



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"After a thorough search, U.S. military personnel found unidentified remains at the location earlier today," CENTCOM said in its release Sunday, referring to the MIA service member.

"An examination process to verify the remains is ongoing."

That attack involved drones and ballistic missiles aimed at US and allied forces stationed in Jordan, government officials said.

None of the recent dead has been publicly identified yet "out of respect for the families during the notification process," Central Command added.

The US death toll in the Iran war now stands at 17 as the two sides continue to edge closer to a wider conflict.

President Trump has called the deaths "a shame" but argued that the US mission remains critical.

"They did it because they don't want to see Iran have a nuclear weapon," Trump said of US troops' efforts in an exclusive call with The Post on Saturday.

"And it just shows you how bad [the Iranians] are."

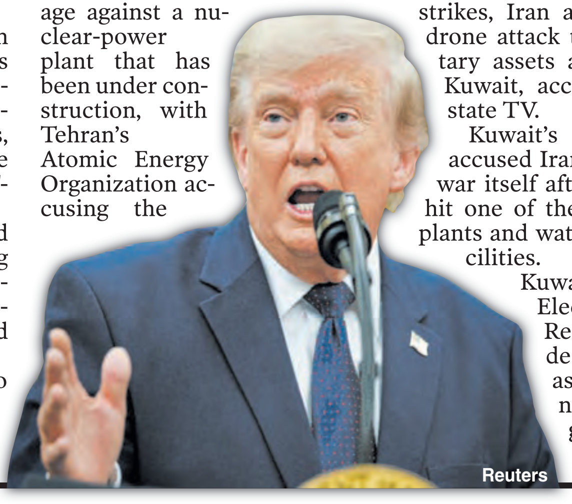
'Lethal and ready'

Saturday marked the eighth consecutive night of US attacks on Iran, with the latest strikes hitting the regime's coastal surveillance and air defense facilities, maritime capabilities and missile and drone storage sites, CENTCOM said.

"More than 50,000 US men and women in uniform are operating across the Middle East. They remain highly vigilant, focused, lethal, and ready," the agency said of the five-hour blitz.

"The strikes are designed to further degrade Iran's ability to threaten commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and swiftly punish Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps forces who launched attacks against American service members in Jordan last night," it said.

Iran claimed the wide-scale attacks resulted in damage against a nuclear-power plant that has been under construction, with Tehran's Atomic Energy Organization accusing the US of escalating the conflict.



Reuters

"An attack on a peaceful nuclear facility under international safeguards is a clear violation of international law," the organization raged on social media.

In response to the latest US strikes, Iran also carried out a drone attack targeting US military assets and equipment in Kuwait, according to Iranian state TV.

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry accused Iran of escalating the war itself after the strikes also hit one of the country's power plants and water desalination facilities.

Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy described the attacks as a form of "heinous Iranian aggression" following other assaults over the weekend on facilities overseen by the agency.

Iran also claimed it destroyed at least two US fighter aircraft during a missile and drone attack on a US military base in Jordan.

Bahrain's air defenses also intercepted an Iranian attack Sunday, its state TV reported.

As the fighting intensified, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps reiterated that it was continuing to block the Strait of Hormuz, the crucial chokepoint through which one-fifth of the world's oil supply had flowed until recently.

It said four vessels attempted to pass through the waterway using an "unsafe route" with US backing after ignoring IRGC warnings.

Two of the ships abandoned the attempts, while the other two were involved in an "accident," the IRGC said without elaborating.

Out with ‘inmate’

NAME GAME: City officials propose to stop calling inmates inmates. Instead, they’ll refer to individuals who occupy cells in Rikers Island (left and below) and other facilities as “people in custody.”

City nixing ‘derogatory’ jail term

By CARL CAMPANILE

AP Photo/Seth Wenig; AP

New York City’s jails watchdog is set to go woke — scrapping the words “inmate” and “inmates” from its rule book and replacing them with “people in custody” or “person in custody.”

The proposed rule change for the Board of Correction swaps the words “inmate” or “inmates” with “people in custody” or “person in custody” more than 300 times.

Criminal justice advocates claim that “inmates” is a derogatory term for incarcerated criminal defendants or convicts.

“In 2021, the Board made a commitment to employ person-first language in its Minimum Standards and communications by deleting references to inmates in favor of person-first terms such as people in custody and using gender inclusive language in Chapter 1 of the Minimum Standards,” the proposed rule says.

“The Board proposes continuing this vital effort in Chapters 2 and 3.”

The Board of Correction is not alone.

Gov. Hochul approved a law in 2022 that strikes the word “inmate” in state law, replacing it with “incarcerated individual.”

“Individuals impacted by the criminal justice system have long noted that terms such as felon, inmate, prisoner, and convict dehumanize individuals and perpetuate the idea that incarcerated people should be permanently demonized and stigmatized,” a Hochul release at the time said.

The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, in its mission statement, said it serves the needs of the “incarcerated population.”

Meanwhile, the New York City Department of Correction, which oversees the Big Apple’s municipal jails, including the complex on Rikers Island, refers to an incarcerated individual in its care as a “person in custody.”

Kat ‘data’ pause hyper dumb: biz org.

The city’s top business advocacy group slammed Gov. Hochul’s one-year ban on new construction of high-powered data centers in the state, calling it counterproductive and anti-commerce.

Hochul signed an executive order last week enacting the moratorium on new “hyperscale” data centers that need at least 50 megawatts of power, arguing the delay was needed for the state to introduce the centers with care.

But Steve Fulop, CEO of the Partnership for the City of New York — which represents the largest 300 firms in the city, including those from Wall Street and the broader financial services industry — said the move would leave New York behind other states in the AI boom.

“Ultimately, the solution is going to be whether data centers get built or they don’t get built,” Fulop said Sunday on 77 WABC’s “Cats Roundtable” program.

“The signal when you put a moratorium on this sort of stuff . . . is that it becomes a riskier proposition to put your money into New York versus maybe another state,” he told host John Catsimatidis.

He continued, “It sends a signal about our competitiveness to the private sector. Other states like Pennsylvania . . . continue to grow, and they haven’t put a moratorium on. They work with the communities to find solutions. But they recognize that data centers are important.”

Data centers house thousands of servers, storage drives and networking equipment used to store, process, and distribute digital information.

Carl Campanile

JENNIFER FINCH
Brain cancer diagnosis.

Rock bassist dead, 59

A ’90s rock icon died just days after going public with the news she was living with an aggressive form of brain cancer.

Jennifer Finch, bassist with the alt-rock band L7, died at the age of 59, according to a statement on her social media.

“We are devastated to announce the death of our partner, sister, daughter, and friend Jennifer Precious Finch,” reads the statement.

“Jennifer’s impact on the world of music was seismic; her impact on our lives, even more so.”

Finch was due to join her bandmates on the seminal band’s The Last Hurrah farewell tour later this year.

But the artist, also known for her photography and writing, said she had been struck by “serious complications” due to her condition.

L7 was at the vanguard of the grunge and riot grrrl movement in the ’90s, alongside bands including Nirvana and Bikini Kill.

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Flooding kills 5 in 1 family

The daughter of a beloved firefighter was the only survivor after five members of the same family were killed in devastating flooding in Utah, officials said.

Capt. Spencer Long, 59, and his wife and three sons were confirmed dead Saturday after they were swept away during catastrophic floods in Wayne County on Friday, KUTV reported.

Only the Longs’ daughter, Lydia, survived, according to a GoFundMe set up by a family friend. Lydia was not on the family trip, KSL-TV reported. *Anthony Blair*

‘Model’ LI mom in DWI

A Long Island mother and wannabe influencer and model drunkenly crashed her car with her baby and tot inside, cops said — just hours after posting a pic of herself sipping an espresso martini.

Jesher Rivera-Barreto, 31, who posted multiple photos of herself drinking in the afternoon, allegedly put her 1-year-old son, whose birthday was just last month, and his 4-year-brother in her car and took off just before 11:30 p.m. on Saturday night, her social media accounts and statements from Suffolk County police revealed.

Soon after, she lost control of her vehicle and crashed into a wooded area off of Montauk Highway in Brookhaven, police said.

All three were treated for minor injuries at NYU Langone Hospital in Patchogue, police said. Both boys were released to their dad.

Rivera-Barreto was charged with violating Leandra’s Law — which is driving while intoxicated with a child passenger — along with two counts of child endangerment and one of driving under the influence, police said.

The mom routinely posts Instagram photos of herself at the gym, pool and beach and photo shoots in suggestive poses. *Brandon Cruz*

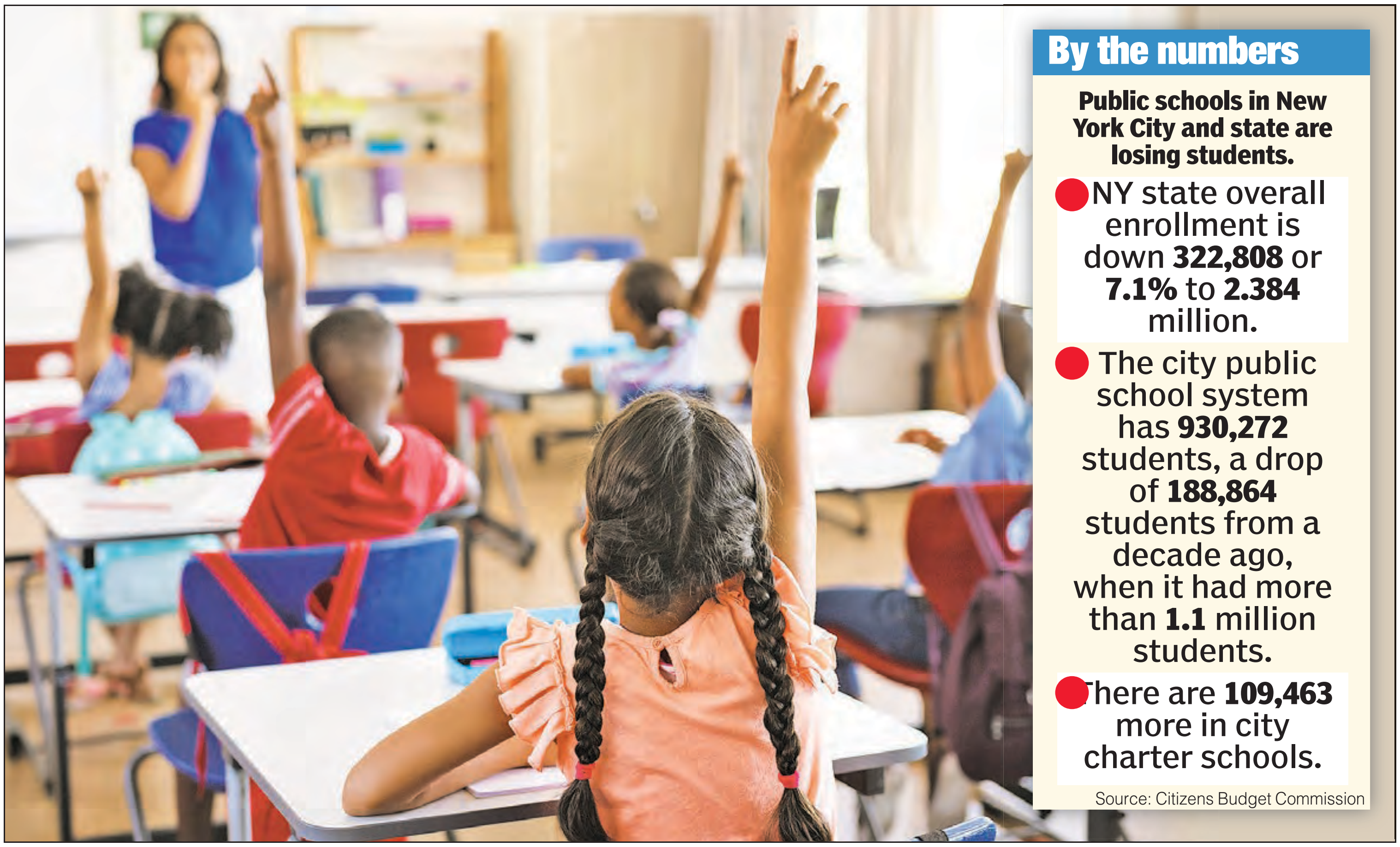
Pol hits Don on fire talk

Ontario Premier Doug Ford said Saturday that US criticism of Canadian efforts to stop the spreading forest fires in his province and choking smoke across a broad swath of the US was “absolutely unacceptable.”

President Trump blamed what he called incompetent Canadian forest management for the smoke and said Friday he would add the “incalculable cost” of dealing with the pollution to existing tariffs on Canadian goods. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Ford’s remarks.

Ford said that 1.6 million acres of forest were burning across Ontario. *Reuters*

NY ed. spends more for fewer pupils



By the numbers

Public schools in New York City and state are losing students.

- NY state overall enrollment is down **322,808** or **7.1%** to **2.384** million.
- The city public school system has **930,272** students, a drop of **188,864** students from a decade ago, when it had more than **1.1** million students.
- There are **109,463** more in city charter schools.

Source: Citizens Budget Commission

ADDITION & SUBTRACTION

By CARL CAMPANILE

New York is spending more on education than any state in the nation despite shrinking schools and 12% fewer students than 15 years ago, a new report found.

Empire State enrollment could see another double-digit decrease by 2031 as population growth stagnates and birth rates plummet — which would mean New York is shedding students faster than anywhere in the US except California and New Mexico, according to the report by budget watchdog the Citizens Budget Commission.

The reckoning will force policy makers to consider controversial decisions: closing or merging schools and reducing staff or continuing to prop up facilities with a dearth of students, the report said.

“Public school enrollment has declined in every region over the past decade, reflecting broader demographic trends and slower population growth,” the CBC said in its “Value Proposition Tracker” analysis.

“Enrollment declines have been particularly pronounced outside the New York City metropolitan area, creating new challenges for school districts as they balance staffing, facilities, and educational programming with fewer students.”

Overall, statewide public school enrollment declined by 322,808 students to 2.38 million, the CBC analysis found.

New York City had the smallest decline in the state at 7.1%, thanks to the increase in students at charter schools.

Charter growth

There are 930,272 students in the city public school system, a drop of 188,864 students from a decade ago, when it had more than 1.1 million students, according to the report.

But the city also has 109,463 more students in charter schools, which helped limit the rate of decline compared to school districts in the rest of the state.

Still, under-enrolled city public schools remain an issue.

More than 800 schools out of the roughly 1,800 in the system have fewer than 400 students, while 241 had fewer than 200 students enrolled, the report found.

The politicians have contributed to the problem by holding such schools “harmless” — maintaining their level of funding despite the districts having fewer students, critics said.

Despite the cratering enrollment, New York spends more per student than all other states with mediocre results.

The state spent nearly $32,000 per student in 2024, 81% more than the national average. It fished out 17% more than neighboring New Jersey, 21% more than Connecticut, 30% more than Massachusetts and 11% more than second-biggest spender Vermont.

“Despite spending more per student than other states, New York’s reading performance is near the national average, and its math performance is below,” the CBC analysis said. “Students in New Jersey and Massachusetts perform much better, despite those states spending 17 percent and 23 percent less per student, respectively.”

New York ranked 22nd in fourth grade reading and 24th in eighth grade reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress exam, considered the gold standard for testing.

Students in New York ranked 38th in fourth grade math and 27th in eighth grade math.

Massachusetts students ranked first in all categories on NAEP exams.

State law currently allows school districts to merge with each other with the approval of residents, Gov. Hochul’s office noted.

A representative for New York City Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels said “enrollment trends will be a focus” when asked about shrinking Big Apple schools.

Waiting and waiting game

By JUSTIN TASCH, FENIX SURIEL
and RONNY REYES

World Cup ticket-holders suffered nightmarish chaos to get into the final in New Jersey on Sunday — as some fans waited in line for more than 10 hours just to enter a Manhattan watch party.

Hair-raising video captured more than a dozen people running across the highway near MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford and hopping over its median as cars zoomed by.

Vehicles came to a halt as the group quickly dashed across the three lanes and into the wooded area adjacent to the venue.

‘Disorganized’

Footage from outside MetLife Stadium also captured massive, winding lines filled with ticket-holding fans and members of the media trying to get in to see the World Cup Final between Spain and Argentina.

“We’ve been in line for 2 hours for the X-ray to ENTER the stadium,” wrote exasperated El Globo TV reporter Mariana Spinelli on X. “Everything disorganized, a total chaos. A nightmare of organization, pathetic.”

Reporters for The Post confirmed similar waits or longer as they entered MetLife Stadium ahead of the match.

NYPD SECURITY CAMERA

Luiz C. Ribeiro for NY Post

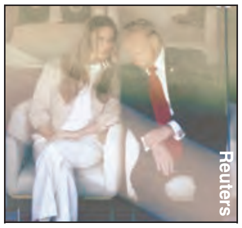
Those stuck in the chaos said the long lines at least partly stemmed from the Secret Service ensuring security ahead of President Trump’s arrival.

“Three hours from Spain vs Argentina in the World Cup final, the line for press to get through security is . . . significant,” remarked Megan Swanick, who has written for ESPN and Bleacher Report.

Some also accused stadium personnel of giving confusing directions and making people wait even longer.

Meanwhile, in the Big Apple, fans began lining up as early as 4:30 a.m. Sunday outside Rockefeller Center (above) to get into a World Cup watch party hosted along with FIFA and Telemundo.

Prez takes in final



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President Trump on Sunday was seen marveling at the FIFA World Cup trophy at the final at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, where he joined other world leaders for the spectacular match.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino seemingly encouraged Trump to touch the golden trophy, and the US commander in chief eagerly obliged.

An excited-looking Trump — the first sitting US president to attend a World Cup final — was seen standing next to his wife, Melania (photo), Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and Infantino at one point in their special viewing box.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, who has repeatedly clashed with Trump, appeared to be standing further down next to Sheinbaum.

Right before Sunday’s match, Trump reiterated how he wants another World Cup played in the US — although not also in the rest of North America, i.e., Mexico and Canada.

Ryan King

SPAIN’S

Soccer team’s Cup victory electrifies fans

By REUVEN FENTON,
FENIX SURIEL
and DAVID DETURRIS

Jubilant Spain fans flocked to major Big Apple landmarks from Times Square to Hudson Yards and Rockefeller Center to fete their World Cup champs Sunday.

Shouts of “F--k Messi!” broke out among the red and yellow set in the Crossroads of the World, according to wild video — as photos showed Spain fans hoisting up a replica of the World Cup trophy in celebration of their country’s soccer heroes.

“Go! Go! España!” another frenzied crowd chanted in the shadow of the Vessel in Hudson Yards in Manhattan.

“I still can’t quite believe it,” Javier Morales, 42, of Madrid said outside MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, of his winning team after their sensational 1-0 victory over defending champ Argentina.

‘Mostly relieved’

“Argentina made the match very difficult,” Morales said. “They defended with so many players, and you always had the feeling that one counterattack could change everything.

“But Spain didn’t lose its shape or get desperate. They kept the ball, kept moving Argentina around and waited for the space to come.

“And now they’re world champions. It’s hard to even say that out loud.”

Spain fan Diego Navarro, 31, called the excitement level “insane.

“My voice is completely gone,” he said.

“I’ve been screaming, jumping, hugging strangers — I don’t even know what’s happening anymore.

“Spain had chance after chance, and you’re thinking, ‘Come on, just put one away.’ Then the goal goes in, and the whole place explodes. Argentina fought hard, obviously, but Spain was on top of them all night.

“I don’t remember the final whistle. I just remember everybody losing their minds.”

Elena Ruiz, 36, of Miami admitted, “Honestly, I’m mostly relieved” that the down-to-the-wire match was over.

“When you have that much of the ball and still can’t score, you start imagining the worst. I kept thinking it was going to penalties, and I really did not want to watch that,” she said.

“But Spain stayed calm. They didn’t start rushing or taking wild shots. They just kept playing, kept believing something would open up. And it finally did.

“I’m so happy for them. They looked like the best team in the tournament, and tonight they proved it.”

Argentina fans meanwhile looked on in jealousy at Spain’s exuberant contingents, overcome with disappointment at their team’s loss.

Some wept — keeping in mind that the game could be the last World Cup match for their be-

KING OF WORLD

HIGHS & LOWS: Spain fans celebrate in Central Park following their team's win in the World Cup Final on Sunday, while Argentina fans (right) suffer the agony of defeat in Times Square.

AP Photo/Anna Connors; James Keivom for NY Post (2); AFP via Getty Images

loved star player, Lionel Messi.

"I really thought this was going to be our day. But what can you do?" said Santiago Ferreyra, 34, of Buenos Aires, outside MetLife.

He called his team's loss to Spain "brutal."

"Spain was just — they were so good with the ball," Ferreyra told the Post.

"If you're going to lose, I guess losing by one goal to a team like that is about all you can ask. It hurts like hell right now, though. I'm proud of them, but I'm hurting," he said.

Argentina 'fought'

Matias Benitez, 29, of Astoria, Queens, added that despite the loss, he was proud of how Argentina played, saying the team showed "a lot of heart."

"They never let the game get away from them. One break the other way, and maybe we're talking about extra time," Benitez said.

"That's what's so frustrating. But yeah, I'll remember how hard they fought more than anything."

The game drew rabid football fans to the metro region from all over the world.

Fernando Serlnanga told The Post that he flew up from Argentina the day before the final game with two relatives, who paid $9,000 per ticket to see their team's doomed championship match.

"Twenty hours on a direct flight," Serlnanga said.

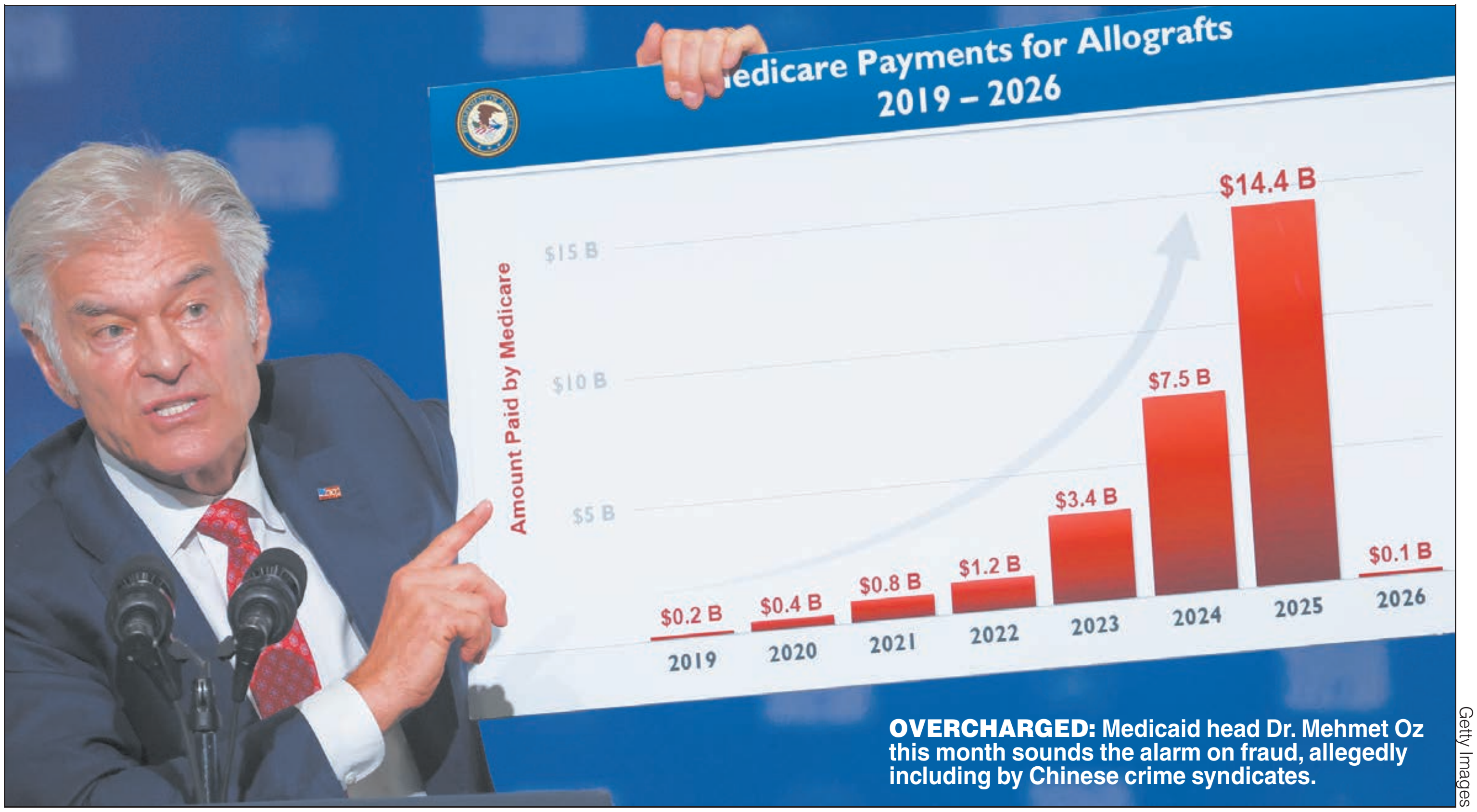
Santiago Gutiérrez Marín was decked out in red facepaint, repping Spain as he ran to catch his train to MetLife earlier in the day.

"The World Cup final with your country in it. Unbeatable!" he said.

Jetlagged pals and Argentina fans Andres Garin and Hector Espinosa said they'd taken fifteen flights to follow their team across the US, watching them play in Kansas City, Miami and New York.

"We went back to Argentina, saw the result of the game against England, and we thought, 'Let's go back' then turned right back around," Espinosa said.

Medicaid boss slams Qns. 'scams'



OVERCHARGED: Medicaid head Dr. Mehmet Oz this month sounds the alarm on fraud, allegedly including by Chinese crime syndicates.

Getty Images

NY state of crime: Dr. Oz

By CARL CAMPANILE

Federal Medicaid chief Dr. Mehmet Oz said New York's overblown $110 billion spending on medical bills is sickening — as he claimed Chinese crime syndicates are ripping off the Empire State.

The TV doctor-turned-Trump administration official, blasted New York's Medicaid program as rife with fraud in an interview Sunday as he outlined an alleged scheme that included millions of dollars in fraudulent medical bills.

"Social safety net programs are being defrauded. They're being hurt oftentimes by foreign governments or foreign-run criminal syndicate organizations," Oz, administrator of the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, said Sunday on 77 WABC's "Cats Roundtable" program.

Oz recently toured Flushing, Queens, where a cluster of 64 social adult care centers operate — mostly serving ethnic Chinese and Korean senior citizens. Officials claim the centers and pharmacies have generated massive amounts of questionable bills to Medicaid.

The social centers arguably shouldn't be propped up by taxpayers, Oz said. The federal government covers more than half of Medicaid's costs, with the state and local governments covering the rest.

"Normally, the government doesn't pay for it. In New York, they've created a mechanism to pay for these programs," Oz told host John Catsimatidis.

"These are run, we believe, under the auspices of the Chinese organized criminal groups that are also doing human trafficking in the East Coast."

He didn't provide further details.

'They're all fake'

"There are a dozen pharmacies on one block. Why? They're all fake. They're taking these Medicare beneficiary numbers and manufacturing huge businesses to fund illegal activities," Oz said.

"These programs have generated $2.1 billion against New York Medicaid."

Earlier this year, Oz opened an investigation into New York's Medicaid program, the most expensive per resident in the nation.

Oz said New York's personal care program, where relatives get paid to take care of a loved one at home, has also spiraled out of control thanks to the powerful SEIU Local 1199 healthcare workers union.

"It's a jobs program," Oz claimed. "We learned that the unions are now unionizing these [personal care attendants], which means the federal government is paying salaries that go to union dues, and then the union dues fund the campaigns of the Democrats in the state."

New York's $40 billion portion of Medicaid spending has become so expensive that it has surpassed state aid to K-12 schools, according to a budget analysis by state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office.

Oz said his office and the entire Department of Health and Human Services headed by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. are working closely with Vice President JD Vance, the IRS and other agencies as part of the White House Task Force on Fraud to root out waste in Medicaid.

Gov. Hochul defended her management of the Medicaid program.

"Well before the Trump administration even took office, Governor Hochul was leading efforts to root out waste, fraud and abuse — including sweeping … reforms that shut down hundreds of wasteful Medicaid middlemen and saved over $2 billion," a Hochul spokesperson said.

"New York will continue to work with the federal government to identify bad actors — but let's be clear about the real goal for Donald Trump and Washington Republicans: eliminating programs that support our most vulnerable."

New York developed its Social Adult Day Care program in partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services via a waiver approved by the feds. Other states operate similar programs.

'Tot hit' vagrant a con

A deranged vagrant who allegedly hit a helpless baby girl with a cellphone in an unprovoked attack in Manhattan is an unhinged career criminal with more than two dozen busts on his rap sheet, The Post has learned.

Marc Okon, 49, is awaiting arraignment on assault and child endangerment charges after police said he went off on a crazed rampage near Bryant Park on Saturday morning, striking the youngster with the phone and trying to hurl it at her mom in a shocking broad-daylight attack.

The homeless nut has been arrested 25 times since 2018, including for forcible touching, public lewdness, menacing, grand larceny, criminal mischief and petty larceny, cops said.

Okon was busted at least three times last year — most recently in July 2025 on a public lewdness rap on the Upper West Side — and was arrested twice the month before, police said.

On Saturday, police said he approached the mom as she pushed her young daughter in a stroller near Sixth Avenue and West 41st Street and threw a phone and struck the baby girl in the arm in her stroller — then picked up the device and hurled it at the stunned mom, missing her. *Kevin Sheehan*

Brute slugs woman, 81

A stranger punched an 81-year-old woman in the face during an argument on a Queens street last week, police said.

The senior citizen was standing outside a Salvation Army in Jackson Heights when the jerk walked up and began a verbal tiff with her around 7:45 a.m. Thursday, cops said.

The loon then socked the victim in the head — leaving her with pain and minor lacerations — before fleeing the area.

Medics took the woman to NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, where she was listed in stable condition.

Steven Vago

FEAR & LOATHING

NETANYAHU
Visiting the UN this fall.

Zo gets slammed for Bibi bust bid

Critics are blasting Mayor Mamdani for vowing to try to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he comes to the UN in September.

"Mamdani should concern himself with the homeless epidemic, the affordability crisis and the floods on New York City's roads rather than illegally meddling in foreign affairs to befriend more terrorists and attempt to arrest our friends," GOP firebrand and Brooklyn City Councilwoman Inna Vernikov, who fired off a blistering letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Sunday saying Mamdani's "threat of an illegal order of arrest must bear consequences," fumed to The Post.

Mamdani told The New York Times on Saturday, "I believe that Prime Minister Netanyahu belongs in The Hague," referring to the United Nations' International Court of Justice — and said he is having an "active conversation" about trying to jail the PM when he comes to Manhattan for the United Nations General Assembly in the fall.

Democratic Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman called Mamdani a "clown."

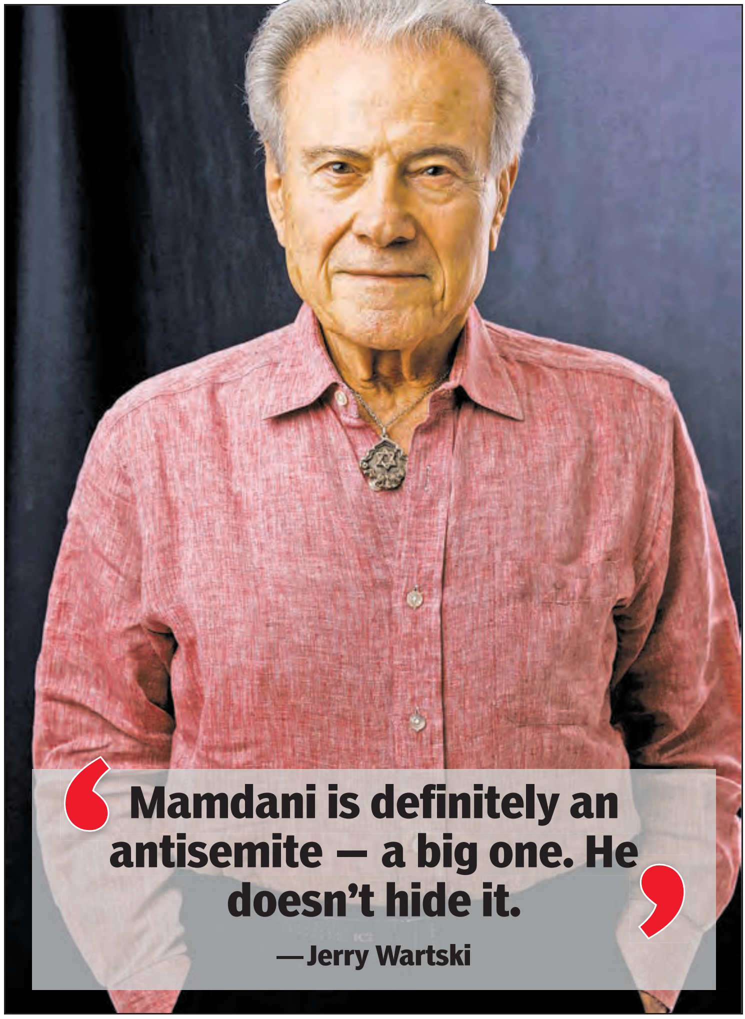
"It's such a tough guy to say that kind of thing. He has no way to do that," Fetterman said on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures."

Netanyahu "deserves respect as the elected leader of a democratic ally of the United States," added Shosh Bedrosian, a former New Yorker and a spokesperson for the Israeli prime minister's office. *Doree Lewak*

THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION: INTIFADA, REVOLUTION

Survivor of Nazis: NY hate rise scary

By CARL CAMPANILE



"Mamdani is definitely an antisemite — a big one. He doesn't hide it."
—Jerry Wartski

Annie Wermiel; Instagram

It's a dire case of déjà vu!

A 96-year-old Auschwitz survivor said he now hides his Star of David chain because of spiraling antisemitism in the Big Apple as he gave Democrats a brutal history lesson about anti-Jewish hatred.

Jerry Wartski said the Democratic Party and the leftist Democratic Socialists of America are being infiltrated by antisemites who are fueling an environment that has Jews feeling unsafe in the streets as if it were Europe during the rise of the Third Reich.

"You have to keep your eyes open to what's going on," Wartski (right in 2020 photo) told The Post in a recent interview. "I cover up my Star of David chain under my shirt when I walk outside now.

"It's the same old story," said Wartski, whose parents were killed in concentration camps during the Nazis' systemic slaughtering of Jews in the Holocaust. "I close the shirt. I don't advertise. This is the 'Land of the Free, Home of the Brave?' "

Wartski said he's been growing uneasy over what he feels is a tangible change in New York and the US, which were once safe havens for Jews who fled the Nazis and oppression in other countries.

Now, Jews could face hostility here or abroad, he added.

'Nowhere else to go'

"If you run away from New York, you run away from the United States. There's nowhere else to go," he said. "Europe is corroded."

Poland-born Wartski and an older brother survived the Nazi wipeout of two ghettos — his hometown Ozorkow and Lodz — before his family was shipped to Auschwitz, where his mother was gassed to death when he was a child, he said.

Later, he was relocated to the Nordhausen concentration camp in Germany, where his father died just before the American liberation.

Today, he has grown disillusioned with the Democratic Party because it appears to be succumbing to anti-Jewish rhetoric under what he said is a coalition of socialists, communists and radical Islamists.

Wartski blasted Democratic Socialist Mayor Mamdani (left in 2021), a staunch pro-Palestinian activist and outspoken critic of Israel, as part of the problem.

"Mamdani is definitely an antisemite — a big one. He doesn't hide it." Wartski said. "I didn't vote for him."

Mamdani, the city's first Muslim mayor, backs the controversial Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against Israel, which some view as antisemitic.

Wartski backs President Trump, saying he's fighting the good fight against the radical Islamists in Iran and supports Republican Bruce Blakeman for governor.

During a Post interview in 2024, he criticized Democrat Kamala Harris for likening Trump to Hitler.

The Holocaust survivor said despite his worries about the state of the city today, he's lived a good life in New York, running his own sweater-knitting business before launching a career in real estate.

"I was lucky during the war. I was lucky in business. I survived," he said.

Motor oil, feces thrown at Qns. synagogues

A bigot hurled motor oil and feces at a pair of Queens synagogues last week, according to police sources and a neighborhood safety group.

Disgusted worshippers discovered the stomach-turning mess Friday morning outside the houses of worship, said Steven Saphirstein, community-outreach coordinator for neighborhood-safety group Queens Shmira.

Grainy surveillance footage captured the "nutjob" running and hurling the mixture at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates at 83-10 188th St. around 11:45 p.m. Thursday before fleeing the area, Saphirstein said.

The vandal also targeted Young Israel of Holliswood at 86-25 Francis Lewis Blvd., more than a mile away, about 45 minutes earlier, per the NYPD.

Photos shared with The Post show the disgusting substance outside the Orthodox synagogues.

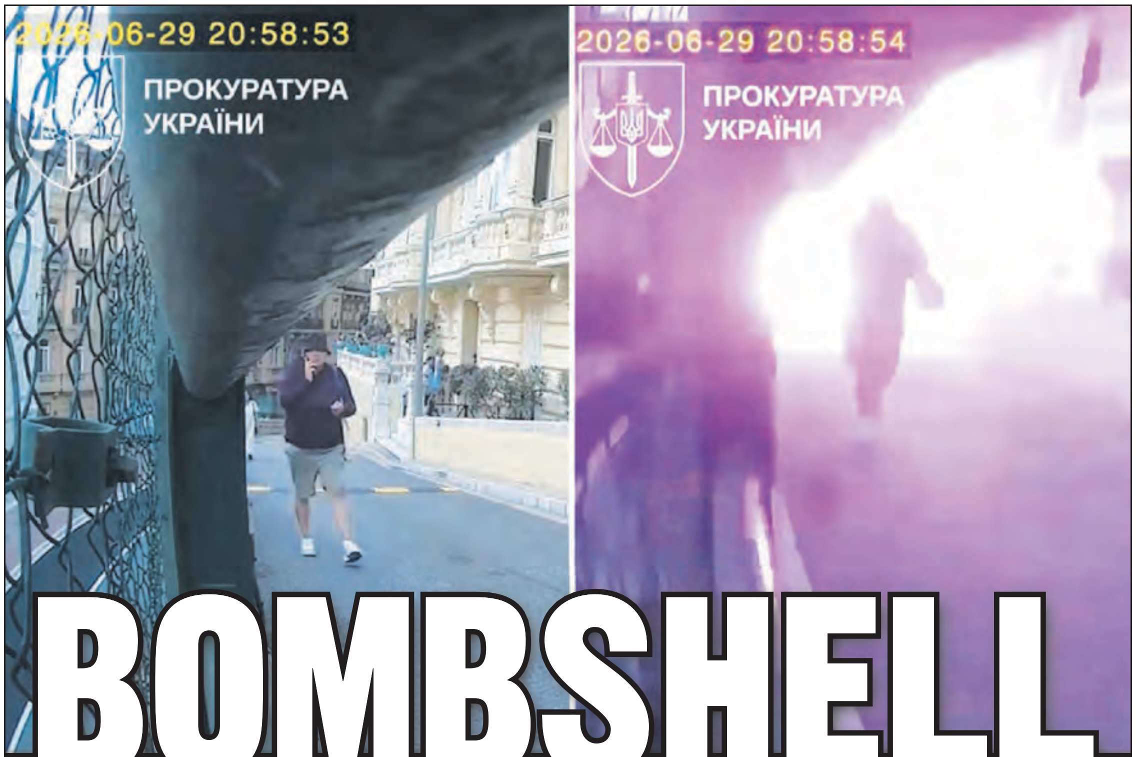
"To take excrement and throw a bag and empty stuff like that out, you're attacking the people who are coming there, who are praying," said Saphirstein.

"You're making them feel like filth."

No arrests had been made, police said on Sunday. *Steven Vago*

Vid shows Monaco oligarch bombing

By RONNY REYES



BOMBSHELL FOOTAGE

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SMOKING CAM: Video footage recently released by Ukrainian prosecutors appears to show Anastasiia Berezovska (left) place a parcel in Monaco before an explosion aimed at Ukrainian businessman Vadym Yermolaiev (right), before Berezovska apparently recovered the recording, which was believed to serve as proof of the attack to her alleged handlers.

Newly released chilling video captured the moment a parcel bomb exploded in Monaco last month and nearly killed a Ukrainian tycoon and reportedly blew the legs off his girlfriend.

Ukraine Prosecutor General Ruslan Kravchenko — whose office released the footage over the weekend — claimed the surveillance camera that caught the footage was installed on the street ahead of the explosion to record the crime and ensure the hired bomber carried out his end of the contract killing.

The footage of the June 30 bombing caught the moment a person left an object in the entryway of a building in the middle of the city just before oligarch Vadym Yermolaiev, a real-estate developer, arrived with his female partner and teenage son.

Yermolaiev has been sanctioned by Ukraine for his alleged continued business activities in the Russia-annexed Crimea region — and is claiming that Kyiv's military pulled off the hit on him.

Filmed plot

The suspect, wearing a hat and purple sweater, can be seen talking on the phone and glancing back at the businessman before the blast goes off, knocking the surveillance camera to the ground.

In the violent aftermath, the suspect is seen grabbing the camera and fleeing.

Anastasiia Berezovska, 39, was identified as the suspect, but she was shot to death just three days later — after Interpol issued a red notice for her arrest.

Berezovska was killed by Ukrainian intelligence officer Vladyslav Reut and his partner, Vitalii Zhykovych, who are accused of paying her with cryptocurrency and cash to carry out the attack on Yermolaiev, prosecutors said.

While Reut allegedly claimed he killed the suspected bomber out of his own accord and not under the orders of his superiors, Yermolaiev insisted Kyiv's intelligence agency had a hand in the operation.

"Based on the investigative evidence available to us, we have no doubt that serving officers of the main intelligence directorate of the ministry of defense of Ukraine, commonly known as HUR, were directly involved in this attempted assassination," Yermolaiev said in a statement over the weekend.

Yermolaiev, who said he renounced his Ukrainian citizenship in 2017, did not provide evidence for his claim.

He was living in Monaco with his partner, Anna Nasobina, who reportedly lost both her legs in the bombing. The couple's 13-year-old son also suffered burns and fractures in the blast, Yermolaiev said.

Kravchenko said those involved in the bombing attempted to destroy the surveillance camera footage but that intelligence experts were able to recover the film.

With Wires

Ramone bemoans 50th anniversary show snub

One of the last surviving Ramones wasn't invited to a 50th anniversary concert that will feature a punk supergroup playing some of the band's best tunes, The Post has learned.

Former drummer Richie Ramone confirmed he was left off the guest list for a John Travolta-hosted "50th anniversary" Los Angeles bash featuring a supergroup with bassist CJ Ramone, Green Day frontman Billie Joe, Rancid's Tim Armstrong and Blink 182's Travis Barker.

"I was never invited to the event, nor did I know anything about the celebration till it popped up on my feed," Ramone said of the event, set for the Hollywood Forever Cemetery on Aug. 30. "Go figure, huh. I just hope it will be fun for all the fans, because they are the ones that matter."

Also left off the invite list was the family of Joey Ramone, who died of lymphoma in 2001. Joey's brother, Mickey Leigh, recently agreed to transfer his half of the estate company Ramones Productions Inc. to settle a legal battle with guitarist Johnny Ramones' widow, Linda Cummings-Ramone.

"I think everybody should have been included," Leigh said. "I don't know how it cannot appear intentional."

The Ramones, who formed in Forest Hills, Queens, in 1974 and played through 1996, are largely credited with launching the US punk movement. *Mark Lungariello and Brandon Cruz*

GOP cuts Dems' gap: poll

WASHINGTON — Republicans are gaining on Democrats' lead heading into the midterm elections, a shocking new poll found.

Democrats have a 48% to 45% edge for registered voters on the question of which party should take control of the House of Representatives, according to a Washington Post-Ipsos poll.

That's a slight slip from May, when 49% of registered voters backed Democrats, compared to 44% who backed Republicans in an ABC News-Washington Post-Ipsos poll.

Democrats had a roughly 10-point lead over Republicans heading into the 2018 midterms during a blue wave year, according to the polling.

"Everyone assuming a landslide in November should just probably rethink that," Neera Tanden, the president and CEO of the Center for American Progress, warned on X.

Traditionally, the party in control of the White House loses House seats in the midterm elections. That's been the case in all but two midterm cycles since 1938.

Overall, Democrats have a 4.7 percentage point lead in the generic congressional race, according to the latest RealClearPolitics polling aggregate. *Ryan King*

Trans-ient madness

Police bodycam video shows a transgender Florida student freaking out on a campus cop for "misgendering" him, and being hauled away in cuffs.

The 2025 footage shows University of Central Florida student Jarrett Vick, 27, screaming at the cop when he arrives at a campus building on an unrelated call.

"Why do you let those pigs get away with this? They are not supposed to be here," says Vick.

In calling for backup, the officer says, "He is having a breakdown," at which point Vick screams, "She! She! Just say the right pronoun!"

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Zo & co. dream of a Commie revolt

Splash News

OUR preening mayor, Zohran Mamdani, says his administration's legal department is examining how best to arrest Benjamin Netanyahu if the Israeli prime minister visits New York for UN week in September.

"He's a war criminal who has been charged by the International Criminal Court," Mamdani told The New York Times in an interview published over the weekend.

Well, Marco Rubio has thoughts on that and much more.

The formidable secretary of state last week announced a campaign to "dismantle the ICC — brick by brick, if necessary."

"The ICC's interfering with American military and law enforcement operations . . . would mean the death of the US as a sovereign and independent nation," he said.

"But this is America . . . Independence is our birthright. We don't intend to trade it for rule by a self-appointed priesthood of 'international law.' "

Mamdani's belief that, as a minor municipal functionary, he wields some imaginary international power to subvert American sovereignty just shows the delusions of his ideology.

His authority extends to fixing potholes and collecting garbage, neither of which he does competently.

DSA's real aim

But his delusions of grandeur are shared by the misfits, ignoramuses, and foreign interlopers who make up his rancid branch of the Democratic Party — the DSA.

The Democratic Socialists of America know nothing, have built nothing and don't understand the country they live in, yet they imagine they have the moral authority to tear it down.

Their aim is to import foreign conflicts and alien ideologies that are the antithesis of America's founding principles.

The DSA's intellectual buffoonery was on full display last week when Mamdani's party capo, Peruvian-born Gustavo Gordillo, told Fox News' Martha MacCallum that his family was forced to come to America because of "capitalism and American imperialism," despite having left Peru during the Maoist Shining Path's revolutionary reign of terror.

"That doesn't make much sense," MacCallum said dryly.

No, it doesn't make sense, to a normal person. But when you look at the ideology behind the DSA, there is a twisted internal logic.

Leftists are motivated by envy and a "poisonous resentment" that makes them hostile to everything that has made America successful, as Rubio said last week when opening a State Department conference on combating left-wing violence, something his Cuban emigre family knows a thing or two about.

Like Gordillo, Ugandan-born Mamdani and so many of their DSA comrades — from Somali-born Rep. Ilhan Omar to Ecuador-born Assemblywoman Diana Moreno — came to America, or in some cases were born here, after their families fled countries crippled by socialism, authoritarianism or economic failure.

You would think they might appreciate better than anyone the freedom and prosperity secured by America's constitutional system of self-government and ordered liberty.

That used to be the case. Refugees from the killing fields of Soviet Russia, Maoist China, Communist Vietnam and Pol Pot's Cambodia were the canaries in the coal mine, warning us about the destructive evils of communism.

They did not seek to replicate the fatal mistakes of their homelands in the generous country that had offered them refuge.

But that is the mission of the DSA. To use the Democratic Party as their Trojan horse to foment a communist revolution in America.

Bad in theory & practice

It's not about free buses or childcare, or a sort of Scandinavian-lite socialism, as they pretend.

The grinning zealots of the DSA want to erase borders; abolish the police, ICE, and prisons; seize the means of production and redistribute wealth in the form of welfare to the millions of people they have imported from the Third World who will vote for more of the same.

This is not just politics as usual. It is a communist insurgency aimed at destroying America. It is intolerable.

The history of the 20th century shows that communism only advances through coercion and violence — a lesson written in the blood of its estimated 100 million victims.

Its echoes now are seen at home in the frightening escalation of political violence by Antifa and other foreign-funded far-left terrorist groups since the BLM riots of 2020.

Yet the very security apparatus that is supposed to keep us safe turned a blind eye to the violence, even seeming to condone it under Joe Biden.

Those days are over.

Rubio's State Department conference on Thursday brought together representatives from 67 countries in Europe, East Asia and Latin America to rally global support against the resurgence of far-left political terror groups like Antifa.

In stirring speeches worth reading in their entirety, Rubio, White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent warned of the poisonous old ideology that is seeping into America and vowed to eliminate its inevitable companion, left-wing terrorism.

"It is time for the people of the civilized world to defend ourselves [against this] distinctive and unique evil," said Rubio.

"Radical leftism . . . may wear various different slogans and ideologies across place and time.

"They can call themselves anticapitalist or anti-imperialist or communist or anarchist or Marxist. But the fundamental character is always the same.

"It is a poisonous resentment cloaked in the language of equality and justice and liberation, an overwhelming need to tear down what greater men have built, to wreck what is beautiful and what is right on behalf of people who are only filled with ugliness and have nothing else to offer the world," Rubio continued.

"One of the criticisms you sometimes hear of communism is that it sounds good in theory, but it never works in practice. That's actually not true.

"Communism does not sound good in theory. The world it envisions for all of us is small, flat, gray, leveled of all exception, drained of all that is good and noble in the human soul . . . The world communism envisions is a world without God.

"For these architects of revolutionary violence, the towering achievement of our civilization is an unbearable humiliation, a reminder of what they cannot do and a reminder of what they cannot be. So they choose instead to destroy."

'Weakened from within'

Miller bolstered Rubio's insights: "The leftist looks at what is beautiful and what is good and what is natural and is filled with envy and hatred, inadequacy and jealousy, and they covet. And they turn those emotions ultimately into a desire to subjugate, to oppress, and to inflict pain and suffering.

"It's not a coincidence that when you look at these violent antifa demonstrations [that there is] not one normal-looking person among them. Every one of them, through the course of their life and their decisions, has scarred their body and their appearance . . . to the point in which their outer appearance becomes a manifestation of their inner hatred."

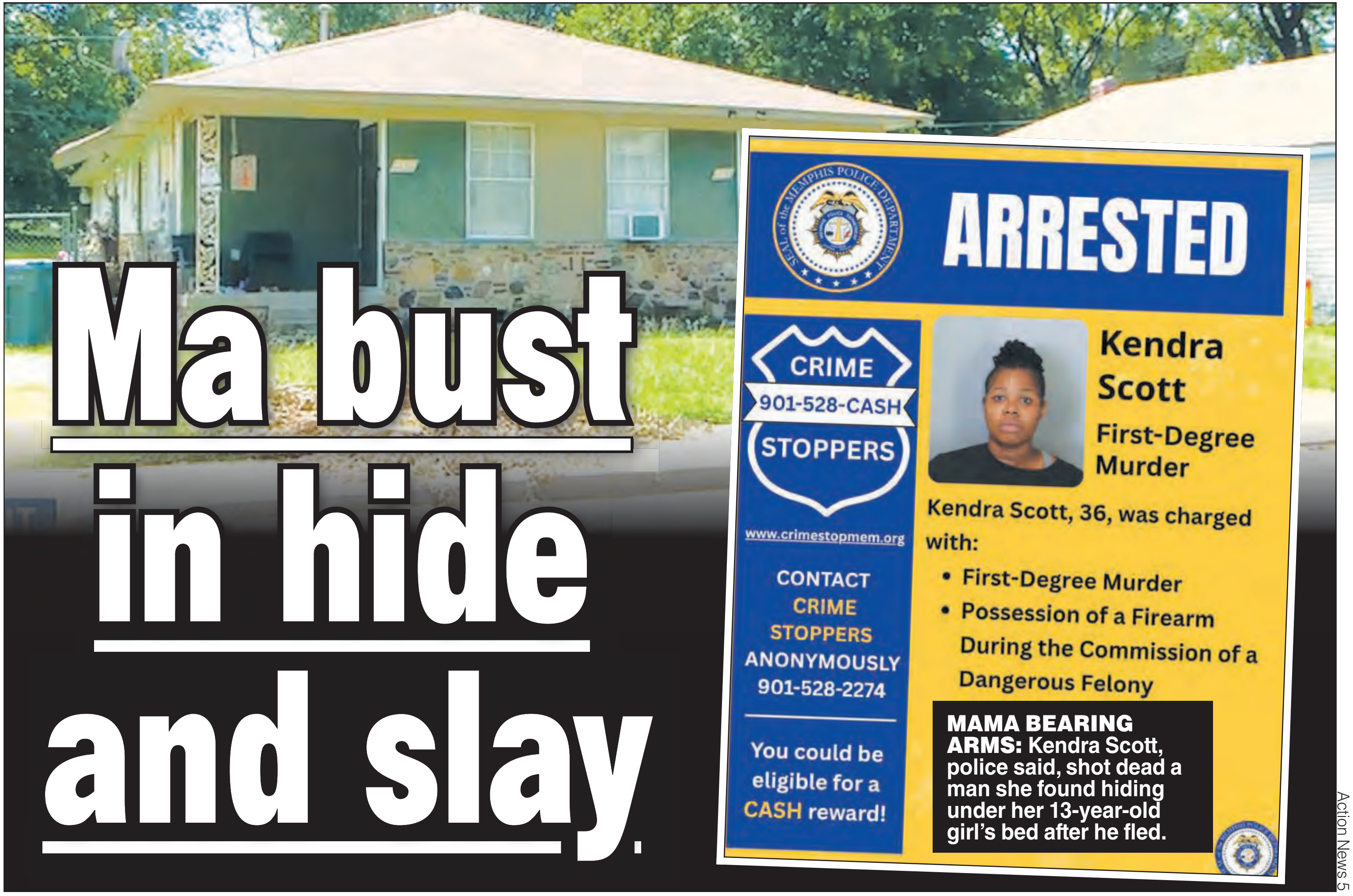
Bessent then unveiled his plan to dismantle the financial networks that sustain left-wing terrorism.

"These terrorists understand an enduring truth. Societies are rarely subverted from afar until they have first been weakened from within," Bessent said.

It's a lesson America can no longer afford to ignore.

Found man under daughter's bed

Ma bust in hide and slay



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Kendra Scott

First-Degree Murder

Kendra Scott, 36, was charged with:

- First-Degree Murder
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Dangerous Felony

MAMA BEARING ARMS: Kendra Scott, police said, shot dead a man she found hiding under her 13-year-old girl's bed after he fled.

Action News 5

By GEORGIA WORRELL

A Tennessee mother shot dead a man she found hiding under her 13-year-old daughter's bed as he fled the home, according to cops, and now she's facing first-degree murder charges.

Kendra Scott, 36, was arrested after police found a 20-year-old man dead from a gunshot wound in the back of his head outside her Memphis home just before 2 a.m. Thursday, according to an affidavit obtained by The Post.

Scott told officers she came home and "saw a dude under my kid's bed."

"And I did what I had to do," she said, per the affidavit.

The incident unfolded after, the teen told cops, she invited Rodderius Morton to the family's home at around 1 a.m., according to the court document.

An enraged Scott started pounding on the front door and bellowing, "Who's at my house?!" when she arrived home around 30 minutes later, the affidavit states.

The daughter told police she grew terrified when she noticed her mom was holding a gun.

Scott had said that if she "sees a boy in my house I will put a hole in his ass," the daughter told cops, according to the affidavit.

The teen eventually let her mother inside, where Scott found Morton hiding under the girl's bed, the court doc alleges.

"Get out of my house, bitch!" she allegedly screamed, and followed Morton out the front door.

That's when her daughter and a neighbor allegedly heard a gunshot ring out.

The neighbor later told police he came outside of his house and saw Scott, still holding the gun, standing by the man's body, while admitting, "I shot him, I shot him," according to the affidavit.

Officers recovered one spent shell casing on the front porch, as well as a Smith & Wesson black handgun, the document states.

Sticky legal questions

Scott was taken to the police department for questioning, then charged with first-degree murder and employing a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony, according to Memphis police.

She is being held until a Monday morning court appearance, when a judge will set her bond, her lawyer, Blake Ballin, told The Post.

"This incident started with the worst nightmare of any parent of a 13-year-old girl," Ballin said.

"Predictably, it ended in tragedy. One of the key questions in this case will be whether anyone could act rationally in this circumstance," he added.

Retired law-enforcement officer and firearm self-defense trainer Buddy Smith, however, told Action News 5 that the known circumstances of Scott's case would not qualify under Tennessee's Castle Doctrine, which protects someone from criminal prosecution or civil liability if they use reasonable — including deadly — force against an intruder.

The legislation means "you're allowed to protect the people in your residence when someone breaks in to commit a violent felony against you or someone in your house," Smith told the outlet.

But in Scott's case, "the affidavit does not allege that [Morton] threatened the mother or anyone else at that time," he explained.

NYC tat shop's 'constitutional' fight for expansion

New York City-based tattoo shop Tiny Zaps Co., looking to expand into South Carolina, filed a federal lawsuit against state officials over two laws that owners argue violate their First Amendment rights.

The shop sued South Carolina's public health director Dr. Brannon Traxler and Attorney General Alan Wilson over a buffer law preventing tattoo parlors from operating within 1,000 feet of a church, school or playground alongside the state's criminalization of tattooing "any part of the head, face, or neck" of another person, the suit read.

"Tattoos are a form of artistic expression protected by the First Amendment — [which] does not permit South Carolina to treat tattooing as a disfavored form of expression," the lawsuit states. The lawsuit further argues the buffer, imposed by state health officials, is not a health measure at all and does not apply to other businesses offering piercing services. *Brandon Cruz*

Tulsi's bro in trouble

Tulsi Gabbard's older brother allegedly tried to lure several children into a hotel room with money and gum at a Hawaiian resort.

Batarti Gabbard, 55, sibling of the former national intelligence director, was charged in connection with a "stranger danger incident" at a hotel pool area in the resort-packed Waikiki neighborhood July 12, Honolulu police said.

The elder Gabbard allegedly approached the minors, including a 9-year-old boy, offering them gum and money if they followed him to a room at around 2 p.m., officials said.

He asked for the children's names, writing them in a notebook, according to police. All the children denied Gabbard's alleged advances before the older man walked away.

A 42-year-old woman reported Gabbard's attempts to police, who later identified him as the suspect and arrested him Friday.

He is charged with second-degree custodial interference.

Gabbard, who has suffered from mental health issues in the past, began spiraling in recent days after smoking pot, his father, state Sen. Mike Gabbard, said, according to KITV.

Nicholas McEntyre

Dems' Sen. cash haul

Democratic Senate contenders are dramatically out-raising their Republican peers, according to Federal Election Commission data, with Georgia's Jon Ossoff and James Talarico in Texas leading the pack.

Eight of the top 10 Senate candidate fundraisers this year are Democrats, whose top contestants have raked in $574 million, compared to the Republicans' $336 million, per the Federal Election Commission.

Maine, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, Alaska, Texas, North Carolina, New Hampshire, and Iowa are considered the most competitive Senate races of this cycle. *Ryan King*

Alessandra a real booty at Cup bash

Getty Images

In an all-black, asymmetrical mini, Victoria's Secret Angel Alessandra Ambrosio looks ultra hot at Michelob ULTRA's World Cup party at Manhattan's The Standard Biergarten on Saturday.

What a 'surprise' party!

A Wyoming girl who was left with no guests at her birthday party after every invited friend canceled got an unexpected surprise when strangers rushed in to celebrate instead.

Chloe Blanden, 7, who has developmental challenges, was sitting with her family at a Cody pizzeria surrounded by decorations and a birthday cake, but no guests last weekend when her mother, Melanie O'Donnell, made a desperate plea for help in a local Facebook group.

"She hasn't made a lot of friends yet, and I so badly wanted her to have a great day," said O'Donnell, whose family moved to town recently.

The family had moved the party indoors from a park because of extreme heat, but even after the change, every invited guest backed out. O'Donnell asked if anyone with children could stop by. More than 150 people from 15 families showed up with gifts for Chloe.

Adam Silverstein

SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR JD

VP's 4th child born

By DAVID DeTURRIS

Vice President JD Vance and Second Lady Usha Vance welcomed their fourth child to the world Sunday morning — marking the first time in over 150 years a child's been born to a sitting vice president.

Usha gave birth to little Alec Neel, the couple's third son, at Walter Reed Medical Center in Maryland, the vice president announced in a statement.

"We are excited to announce that our baby boy, Alec Neel Vance, was born this morning," Vance wrote.

"Usha and the baby are happy and healthy and our kids are overjoyed to meet their little brother," the vice president said, thanking the staff at Walter Reed for the baby's safe delivery.

Baby Alec Neel will be joining his three other siblings — Ewan, 9; Vivek, 6; and Mirabel, 4 — in the Vance family.

The vice president, 41, and Usha, 40, who have been married since 2014, announced they were expecting in January — a historical occurrence for a second family.

The last time a sitting vice president and second lady welcomed a child was when Ulysses S. Grant's Vice President Schuyler Colfax Jr. and his wife Ellen had their son Schuyler Colfax III — 156 years ago.

The Vances are the latest in a string of Trump administration higher-ups who've welcomed children into their family over the past year.

Stephen Miller, White House deputy chief of staff, and his wife Katie welcomed their son Hawthorne Hayes in June.

Karoline Leavitt, White House press secretary, and her husband Nicholas Riccio welcomed her second child, daughter Vivianna, in early May.

Vance himself has long been an advocate for Americans to have "more babies."

He's also argued that more should be done to support families bringing children into the world.

"We will work to offer a loving hand to new mothers and young families, and we will support adoption and foster care. We will protect women and vulnerable children," Vance said in his debut speech as vice president.

Erika Kirk's influence

He and Usha also have said that conversations with Charlie Kirk's widow Erika, who regretted only having two children with the Trump ally, also influenced their decision to have another child.

"I think it really heightened JD's sense that he'd been talking about this for a while, this sense that there was this possibility of having another kid whom he could love as much as the three that we had," Usha said.

Hulk bar survives death Slam

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One step at a time

"DANCING With the Stars" pro **Witney Carson** admitted that sometimes she's slightly aghast by how flat-footed some celeb contestants are. "It shocks me every time that people can't snap to the music or even just move a little bit," she told PageSix.com's **Nicki Gostin** at the Time100 Sports Gala 2026. But the Mirrorball champ noted that also means "you're really able to mold them. So if you're starting from ground zero, you're really teaching them everything like a little baby." Carson added that her dream partner used to be **Zac Efron**, but she's switched to **Tom Holland**. "He seems so sweet," she said, "and I know he can dance. I've seen all his moves on television."

'Ride' of her life

"TED Lasso" star **Hannah Waddingham** knows who her ride-or-die would be. "My daughter," she told PageSix.com's **Nicki Gostin** at the premiere of her Amazon series — you guessed it — called "Ride or Die." "She's come into my life," Waddingham (above) said of her 12-year-old, **Kitty**. "She's rooted me down, so yeah, if the house was burning, I'm taking her, and we're going wherever in life." The actress stars opposite **Octavia Spencer** in the road-trip show about best friends, one of whom "turns out to be an international assassin."

A New York hospitality veteran's dream project — and a $7 million investment — nearly died along with Hulk Hogan.

But Page Six hears the late Hulkster's son, **Nick Hogan**, has stepped into the ring to make sure fans gets to experience his father's final vision.

Rich Rosen, a longtime New York nightlife veteran, told Page Six in June 2025 that he was overwhelmed with joy and disbelief when Hogan agreed to partner with him on Slam, a massive three-story sports bar directly across from Madison Square Garden — the Hulkster's spiritual home and the place where he cemented his legend.

We reported at the time that Rosen bought a ticket to an autograph signing to make an audacious pitch to the superstar.

"I basically waited five hours on line to get two seconds with Hulk Hogan," Rosen told us. "I came with an 8-by-11 glossy picture of Madison Square Garden, and in the picture is our [storefront]." He said he told Hogan, "That's my [storefront], that's the Garden and you're my new partner."

But just as the multimillion-dollar launch was getting ready to rumble, tragedy struck: Hogan died of a heart attack that July at 71. Fans and investors were left wondering whether Slam would ever make it out of its corner for Round 1.

"When I got the news, I was devastated," Rosen told Page Six a year later.

But Slam wasn't ready to tap out.

Nick has stepped up to fulfill his father's vision. "It wasn't even a question," Hulk's kid told Page Six this week. "This was always happening. If anything, it has a greater purpose now than ever."

After Hogan's passing, Rosen appointed Nick vice president of American Sports Bar Entertainment, making him the public face of the brand.

A weeklong grand opening is planned for later this year, with Rosen and Nick promising a celebration worthy of the WWE legend.

Definite celebrities Christina Aguilera and Mick Jagger hit the Celebrity Party hosted by Todd Graves, founder of chicken chain Raising Cane's, at Sartiano's in Soho.

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Rapper & crew in bottle-tossin' club melee

TRAVIS Scott and his crew allegedly got into a bottle-throwing fight at ultra-exclusive private club Zero Bond Saturday night, Page Six has learned. This is getting to be familiar territory with the "Sicko Mode" rapper. We're reported on two other swanky bashes that have been broken up by fights involving Scott. Our sources tell us that on this occasion, Scott was watching **50 Cent** perform at the Noho club when he came to believe that another guest was filming him. We're told bottles flew, but it's not clear if Scott started volleying the glassware of if others in his crew did. Either way, we hear security stepped in, and that cops and paramedics weren't involved. "It all happened really fast," said an insider. "It started fast and broke up really quickly." Sources say the evening was a "buyout" by the chicken chain Raising Cane's and that the club wasn't running the show. In the last couple of years, we've reported on melees at **Michael Rubin**'s white party and a glam amfAR gala after-party on a yacht, both of which involved Scott.

H'wood body politic

"SOPRANOS" star **Jamie-Lynn Sigler**, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 25 years ago, tells Social Life, "I walk with a limp. It's noticeable. It's who I am." Sigler, who's on the cover of the magazine's July issue, told Editor-in-Chief **Devorah Rose** that Hollywood should hire people like her. "In order for me to give the most free and present and truthful performance, I have to perform in the body that I'm in," she said. "So as long as you're OK with the way I move, I can do this job." She added, "True representation to me means just allowing people to exist onscreen the way that they are without making a whole thing about it."

Her brides & joy

SETS (of brides) in the city! **Cynthia Nixon** is bringing a touch of Manhattan romance to Florida's same-sex Bride Pride. The "Sex and the City" star (above) has been named "Reverend-for-the-Day" at the Feb. 21, 2027, event in St. Petersburg, where she is expected to officiate what could be the world's largest all-women wedding and renewal ceremony. Organizers are aiming to break a Guinness World Record, which requires at least 100 couples to exchange vows. Nixon, 60, married **Christine Marinoni** in a legal New York City rooftop ceremony in 2012, after eight years of dating and three years of engagement. She has been an activist in the LGBTQ+ community for years.

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Training our best friends

Cindy Adams

I am once again speaking with Hounds Town's **Michael Gould**.

Gould: "My NYPD police career began 1979. Hounds Town is a countrywide facility where dogs self-regulate in natural packs. Humans don't control their behavior.

"I'm with a dog now that's hunting a person who went missing upstate 25 years ago. He's looking for her remains. A workaholic, exceptional in his want to work. Doesn't make a good family pet because he needs to be out. He'll look for this woman who disappeared on the anniversary of 9/11.

"1981, I was a K9 Unit founding member. Crime rampant, 2,000 homicides a year. Mayor Koch decided to bring in dogs. We looked for missing persons, tracking children, predominantly in parks. Six months training before they hit the streets as a K9. They learn your rituals, you learn theirs.

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Cindy: What does your training cost?

Gould: "Various rates. We have 100 locations throughout the US and care for about 3,500 every day. We don't discriminate. We allow them to interact on their own terms.

"I could come and see your dog in its environment. I'd go to your house, say hello. I wouldn't look, talk, or touch **Jellybean**. And we would develop a different relationship, and you'd be thinking that I was a magician. She'd look and say, 'How is this happening?'

"My interest is keeping people together with their dogs and making a cohesive relationship."

Cindy: No worry. I will never get rid of my dog. You, I may get rid of, but never my dog.

'Street' creatures

SPEAKING of creatures, I can tell you how to get to Sesame Street. First, go to Queens. If you don't know where Queens is, then this I can't help you with. You may call them Muppets, but Jim Henson's craftsmen call them their "functional sculptures" — and they are actually giving tours, so you can look at them up close. You'll call them **Elmo** or **Ernie**. Letting you know, weekends his Creature Shop is open for the public to see them. Me, I am not yet one of the stuffed creatures there — but thank you for asking.

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B. BIRD

We can tell you how to get to Sesame Street to see **Big Bird** and other Jim Henson creations — or, you could look it up.

PBS/Courtesy Everett Collection

Kennel kvetch

ENGLISH bulldog, French poodle and a Russian wolfhound talking.

Russian wolfhound: "I have the best of everything in my country, but I'd like to come to America."

Asked the English bulldog, "Why? How come?"

Grrr'd the wolfhound, "I'd like to bark once in awhile."

Only told in America, kids, only told in America.

Parasite ‘false positive’

The FDA is walking back its initial claims that a Taco Bell lettuce supplier is responsible for sickening hundreds of Americans with explosive diarrhea, saying the original test results were a “false positive.”

The stunning reversal comes after the agency double-checked a lettuce sample, which found that the leafy green supplied by Taylor Farms de Mexico did not have traces of cyclospora — the parasite that causes the crappy condition.

“FDA laboratory experts re-reviewed the sample results and have concluded that the finding does not represent true amplification and should be considered a false positive,” the agency said on its website Sunday.

The FDA also added that there are currently no confirmed samples of products testing positive for the parasitic pathogens.

Taylor Farms, the parent company of Taylor Farms de Mexico, said that the FDA had “apologized” to them about the false positive, saying they made a “mistake.”

“Today, we were informed that FDA made a mistake, and this was a false positive,” Taylor Farms said in a statement. *David DeTurris*

Bug took its toilet on him

A Chicago man landed in the hospital after contracting the “explosive diarrhea parasite” cyclosporiasis from a popular Taco Bell menu item — and enduring a week of stomach-churning symptoms before doctors figured out what was wrong.

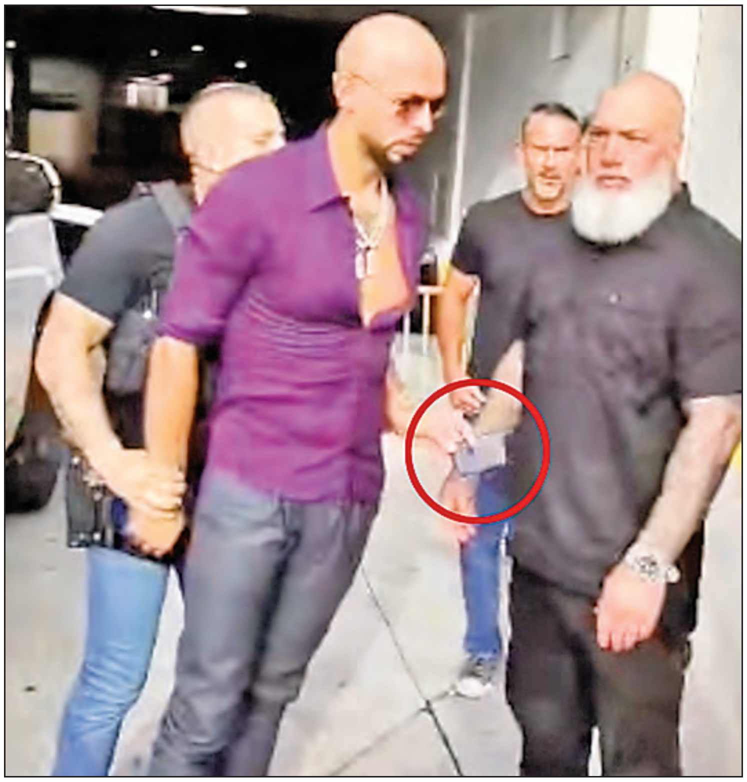
Alonso Zaragoza, 46, rushed to the emergency room last Wednesday after suffering more than a week, he told NBC Chicago 5.

“It was just every hour and a half going to the washroom,” Zaragoza said. “I don’t think I slept more than an hour and a half continuously in the last week.”

Nearly 7,000 people in the US have been hit by the outbreak. *Georgia Worrell*

A HOT PO‘TATE’O!

TAKE IT: Andrew Tate appears to try to give his phone to a bodyguard (right) during his arrest Saturday in Miami. Andrew and his brother Tristan face extradition to the UK on rape charges.



BACKGRID

Rape suspect phone-pass vid

By ANTHONY BLAIR

A video has emerged of the moment controversial influencer and accused rapist Andrew Tate appears to try to pass his cellphone to a member of his entourage during his arrest in Florida.

The 39-year-old and his younger brother, Tristan, 38, were being detained by US marshals when Andrew Tate appears to try to hand his phone to his bodyguard, who drops it.

It is not clear whether marshals recovered Tate’s cellphone following the Saturday arrest in Miami.

The “manosphere” influencers were arrested on behalf of authorities in the UK, who want to extradite the siblings to stand trial on rape and human trafficking charges.

Britain’s Crown Prosecution Service also charged Andrew with seven new counts of rape, as well as charges relating to sex trafficking and indecent images of a child.

Tristan was hit with two new counts of rape and three counts of arranging or facilitating trafficking for sexual exploitation.

British-born Andrew Tate was already facing 10 charges, including three counts of rape, four of actual bodily harm, two of human trafficking and one of controlling prostitution for gain before his detention.

Tristan Tate was previously facing 11 charges, including three counts of rape, six of actual bodily harm and two counts of human trafficking.

The brothers, who became notorious for advertising their hyper-misogynistic content to teenage boys and young men, now face a total of 59 charges between them related to seven alleged victims.

Landing in the USA

The pair had been living in Romania since 2016, where they are facing a separate criminal investigation involving alleged rape, human trafficking, organized criminal activity and money laundering.

After Romanian authorities insisted they couldn’t extradite the brothers to Britain until their own case was complete, UK prosecutors decided to target them while they were in the US.

British authorities will now submit a formal application to US authorities to have the brothers extradited so they can stand trial in the UK.

The Tates, who hold joint American and British nationalities, can challenge that extradition request in the courts.

“We are confident that once a competent judge sees the facts, and once the Department of Justice confronts this egregious abuse of its own authority, Andrew and Tristan Tate will walk free,” attorney Joseph D. McBride said. The Tates have denied any wrongdoing in both the UK and Romania.

Film of Dudley’s band a ‘Moore’velous find

Film preservationists unearthed a long-lost TV performance by 1980s film star Dudley Moore — from the days he fronted a jazz trio before he became a household name.

The group Film is Fabulous! said it recovered the black-and-white clip of The Dudley Moore Trio from 1967 jamming on the BBC program “This is Petula Clark” as it catalogued two private collections.

The broadcast, which aired Dec. 19, 1967, is one of dozens of BBC variety and music programs believed lost forever after the network’s infamous tape-wiping purges of the 1960s and 1970s.

Huge swaths of British TV history are now missing.

Moore is best remembered stateside for Hollywood hits like “10” and “Arthur,” which earned him an Oscar nod for Best Actor. But before that, he was a serious Oxford-trained and classically schooled jazz musician. *Brandon Cruz*

Fallen cop tribute

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DIDARUL ISLAM WAY: Family, friends and fellow NYPD officers gather in Soundview for the renaming of a street to remember Detective Didarul Islam (below), who died last July 28 in a Midtown mass shooting.

Tomas E. Gaston; NYPD

Bx. street bears his name

By TINA MOORE

A police officer and father who was killed in a mass shooting while working at a Park Avenue building nearly a year ago was honored over the weekend at a street renaming in The Bronx.

Didarul Islam Way was unveiled Saturday in a ceremony at East 172nd Street and Beach Avenue in Soundview that was attended by the slain officer's family and friends, Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch and other NYPD officials.

"By placing Didar's name on this street in his family's neighborhood in The Bronx, New York is making him part of the landscape of the city he chose as his home and devoted himself to serving," Tisch said in an X post after the event.

"Once a person's name is placed in our community, that life becomes part of the story New York tells about itself," her post reads. "Didarul Islam earned that place in our story."

The 36-year-old police officer was working a security detail in uniform at 345 Park Ave. in Midtown on July 28 when a gunman walked into the lobby carrying an assault rifle and opened fire, striking him with the first fatal shot.

Grudge against NFL

The gunman, Shane Devon Tamura, 27, killed four people with an AR-15-style rifle. He then fatally shot himself.

Investigators determined Tamura was targeting the NFL because he thought he was suffering from the football-related brain injury chronic traumatic encephalopathy, also known as CTE. An autopsy later found that he actually was suffering from the condition.

The cop was posthumously promoted to detective first grade.

Islam's wife, who was pregnant when he was killed and had a boy a short time later, attended the event with her three young sons.

"May Didarul Islam Way always remind us of his devotion to New York and to the family at the center of his life," Tisch said in her post on X. " May his memory continue to be a blessing."

A National Football League employee injured in the shooting plans to sue the city for $24 million — claiming Islam's negligence allowed the gunman to storm the building and carry out the deadly spree.

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Remains ID'd as missing mother

The search for a troubled Washington state mother who disappeared near an Idaho river last year has ended in tragedy, with authorities identifying remains that a kayaker found as those of the missing woman.

Chantal Williams, 24, was last seen wearing a blanket and walking near Marble Creek in the Gem State on Dec. 13, and was the subject of a search by police, but was not found, People magazine reported.

The Spokane medical examiner has confirmed that skeletal remains a kayaker found July 5 in the St. Joe River are those of Williams, from Deer Park, the outlet said.

Williams' family told police she struggled with mental illness.

Her brother, Dalton Williams, said his sister's car was found on St. Joe River Road, and that she was a single mom of two, according to a since-deleted GoFundMe page, People wrote.

The Shoshone County Sheriff's Office launched a search with dive teams, canine units and drones combing the area. The search was later called off, the office said on Facebook on Dec. 18.

The kayaker first believed the bones were animal remains, the Shoshone News-Press reported.

"No matter what the results are, we hope that by identifying the remains we can provide this person's family with some closure," county Sheriff Shawn Wehr said before an ID was made. *Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

Flammable-sweater recall

A major clothing brand has initiated a recall for approximately 6,000 women's sweaters due to a failure to meet federal flammability safety standards, causing risk of "serious burn injuries or death," according to a Consumer Product Safety Commission notice.

The safety recall affects the Madewell Double V-Neck Pullover and V-Neck Cardigan styles in both light blue and cream.

The safety panel says the "recalled sweaters violate the mandatory standard for clothing textiles, posing a risk of serious burn injuries or death."

The items were sold at Madewell and T.J. Maxx stores and websites from December 2024 through October 2025.

Garments that are part of the recall have a "Madewell" neck tag and a side seam label marked with style numbers NT611, NT612, or the code "HO24."

No injuries have been reported, but the company has documented one instance of a sweater catching fire. Refunds are available to owners who cut the sweaters in half and email a photo to 24-7@madewell.com. *Daniel Cody*

Colo. nude train surf nab

He boarded the train, but his clothes stayed behind.

An Arizona man was arrested after authorities said he allegedly broke into a Union Pacific locomotive and surfed atop the moving train — in the nude — as it traveled through Colorado, leaving witnesses stunned before deputies arrested him on Thursday.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office identified the suspect as Daniel Ray Ballance, of Quartzsite, Ariz., and allege he broke a window to enter before climbing onto the roof while the train was moving.

Ballance faces felony and misdemeanor charges after the incident, authorities said. *Fox News*

JUDGE EDDINS
Criticized Supreme Court.

Judge rips top US court

A Hawaii Supreme Court justice used a ruling overturning a criminal conviction to deliver a blistering rebuke of Chief Justice John Roberts' Supreme Court, accusing the nation's highest court of weakening constitutional rights, damaging democracy and advancing a political agenda.

Justice Todd Eddins authored the majority opinion Wednesday in a case involving a man convicted in 1990 of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman.

The court ordered a new trial after concluding that evidence presented by an FBI expert relied on forensic science that has since been discredited.

In the opinion, Eddins slammed the top court, saying it "overrides what the people chose. All to serve its own ends."

He quickly drew criticism. "An unhinged attack on the legitimacy of the Supreme Court," Iowa Solicitor General Eric Wessan wrote on X.

Fox News

French forced to flee flames

A wildfire swept through towns on France's Mediterranean coast near Frejus on Sunday, threatening homes and forcing the evacuation of several hamlets as strong winds and drought conditions fueled its rapid spread, local authorities said.

"The fire spread extremely quickly in the context of this heatwave and extreme drought," local prefect Simon Babre told BFM TV.

The blaze had scorched about 445 acres by Sunday evening.

Wires

Michelin spot hides health violations

'DIRTY' LITTLE SECRET

NY Post: William Lopez

By NICOLE ROSENTHAL
and DAVID DETURRIS

Michelin-starred restaurant Semma was slapped with a slew of health department violations — including for not displaying its "B" grade for cleanliness to its A-list customers, The Post has learned.

The West Village South Indian spot, deemed one of the hardest reservations to get in the Big Apple, was flagged for more than a dozen health violations during its last inspection in January — from "inadequate" personal cleanliness to food temperature issues and contamination concerns.

The inspection also confirmed the eatery hadn't posted its B rating outside for passersby to easily see, contrary to city regulations, according to the city website that makes the grades public.

A recent Post visit to the eatery still found the sign was nowhere to be found. It has maintained the rating since at least 2024.

A rep for Semma denied that the eatery was hiding its B rating, claiming that the letter grade was properly posted outside — while blasting the health department for "backed up" inspections in the same breath.

"Under DOH's own inspection cycle, a B-graded establishment is scheduled for reinspection roughly 5 to 7 months after its last visit — Semma is within that window now," he said. "If the timing here reads as unusual, that's a function of how the city schedules re-inspections, not anything Semma has done.

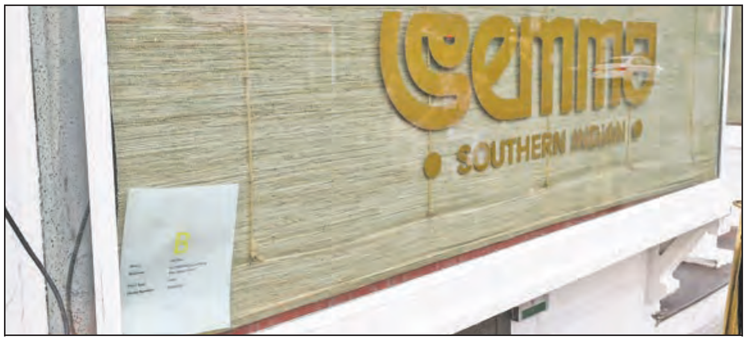
"We run a good operation, and a clean operation," the rep added when asked about the signage.

But visits to the restaurant — and even a Reddit thread from January — show the sign either tucked away in a window corner or completely out of view.

The city's health department requires all restaurants to display their grades in clear view of passersby, and at all times.

"Love a nice little concealment," one Reddit user wrote in the caption of a photo showing the sign hidden in a tiny window corner obscured from the street.

"They make it impossible to get into and with [a] cost upwards of 100pp the least they could do is get their god damn health rating in line," the user fumed. "So much for having a [Michelin] star."



YUCK: In a January inspection, upscale restaurant Semma racked up several stomach-turning violations, including "inadequate" personal cleanliness and an outer garment "soiled with possible contaminant."

When confronted with the findings, a manager at the site clarified its 8x11 letter grade is typically visible — and confirmed it's posted on a tiny side window to the left.

Still, the worker hastily moved it to a street-facing front window after a Post reporter's inquiry.

The news comes months after The Post revealed fellow buzzy A-lister restaurant Carbone was dinged with a slew of violations resulting in a B rating — and a similar out-of-sight sign.

Hygiene 'inadequate'

Semma, which opened in 2021, had its latest inspection in January, racking up a total 18 health department points.

Food, supplies and/or equipment were "not protected from potential source of contamination," officials said.

"Personal cleanliness is inadequate," inspectors added, finding an outer garment "soiled with possible contaminant," among compliance issues relating to hair, jewelry and fingernails.

Its only other inspection posted online, from 2024, showed the same number of violations.

GLP-1 helps social, work lives: study

A recent study suggests GLP-1-related weight loss may improve some women's relationships and employment status.

Rebecca Diamond, professor of economics at Harvard University in Boston, independently published research that found an association between weight-loss medications and a change in women's social and economic outcomes.

Diamond used the Understanding America Study, a panel survey from the University of Southern California, to compare women who started GLP-1s for weight loss to those who wanted to start but had not yet done so.

The comparison considered body mass, health, income, employment, partnership status and well-being before treatment.

Women who successfully lost weight with GLP-1 medications experienced changes across several life outcomes, including employment, marriage and cohabitation, according to the study.

Marriage and cohabitation rose 29% for single women after about 18 months.

Diamond argues that these findings suggest part of the "female obesity penalty" comes from how people are judged when being matched up, either in a new relationship or a new job.

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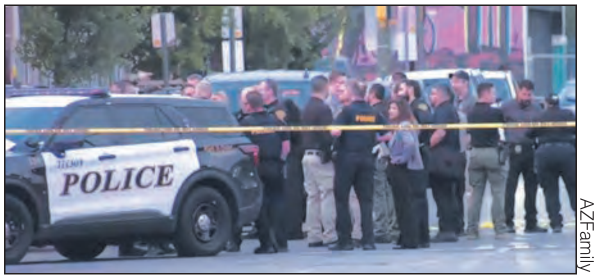
9 shot in Az.

Nearby cops blast gunman

By GEORGIA WORRELL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BULLETS FLY: Cops probe a Tucson shooting that left nine people wounded and the gunman fighting for life.

Hero cops in Tucson, Ariz., stopped a gunman who opened fire on a downtown crowd, leaving nine people critically wounded in a mass shooting early Sunday.

Shots rang out in the "vibrant" area at East Congress Street at around 2 a.m. — sparking cops on foot patrol to rush in, Tucson Police Department's Public Information Officer Frank Magos, said during a press conference Sunday afternoon.

"Those officers immediately began running towards the sound of the gunfire and, in doing so, they came upon the suspect," Magos told reporters.

"Officers gave that suspect repeated commands before, ultimately, one of those officers discharged his department-issued firearm at the suspect, striking him," he continued.

The suspect, a man whose identity is not being released publicly, was taken to a hospital in life-threatening condition.

Meanwhile, the nine people he allegedly shot — all of whom were adults and were struck in their extremities — were taken to hospitals in critical condition, Magos said.

The investigation remains ongoing and police are urging anyone who witnessed the shooting to contact the Pima County Sheriff's Office.

Witnesses at the nearby Highwire bar and Empire Pizzeria reported hearing gunshots and then seeing a massive police presence.

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Monday

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy and nice. High 77 to 83.

Tonight: Increasing clouds. Low 68 to 74.

Tuesday

Tomorrow: Couple of t storms. High 75 to 81.

Tomorrow night: Showers and a heavier t storm. Low 68 to 74.

Wednesday

A stray t storm. High 78 to 84.

Evening Mainly clear. Low 63 to 69.

Thursday

Mostly sunny. High 78 to 84.

Evening Clear. Low 64 to 70.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 79, Low: 71, Mean: 75

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 3 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00 , Month: 3.45 ,
Year: 21.27 , Normal year to date: 26.41

Cooling Degree days yesterday..............10
Total for the month (normal).......250 (237)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal)...........650 (545)
Last year to date..................................598
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 76
UV index (for Mon.) .... 10 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 48%

AIR QUALITY
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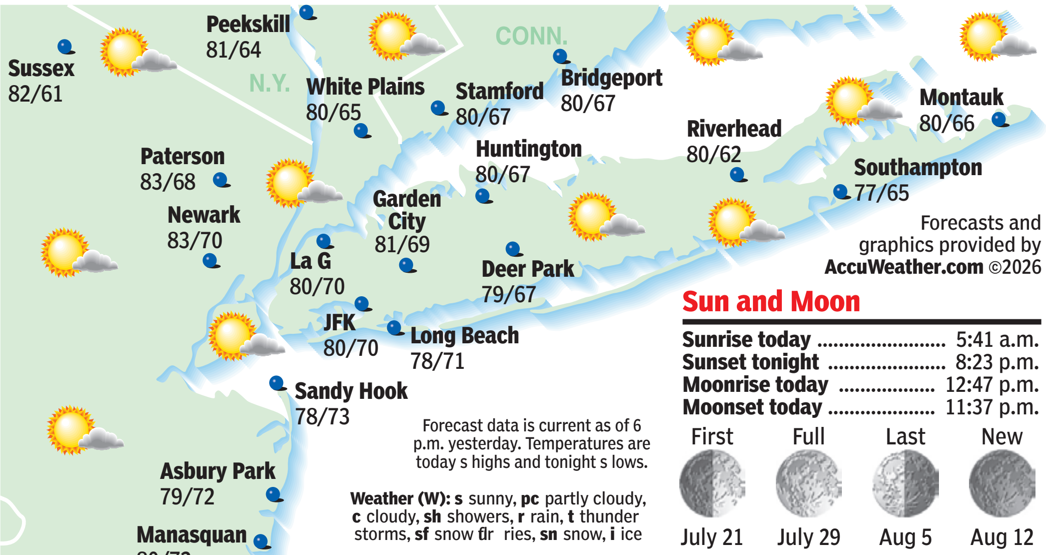
AQI rating: (for Mon.) ....Moderate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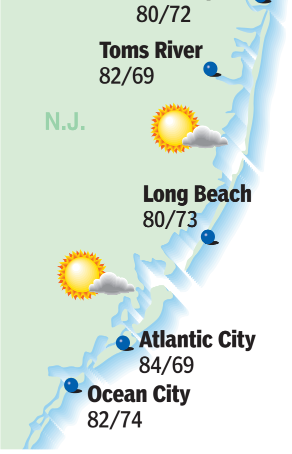
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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today s highs and tonight s lows.

Weather (W): s sunny, **pc** partly cloudy, **c** cloudy, **sh** showers, **r** rain, **t** thunder storms, **sf** snow flr ries, **sn** snow, **i** ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:41 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:23 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 12:47 p.m.
Moonset today .... 11:37 p.m.

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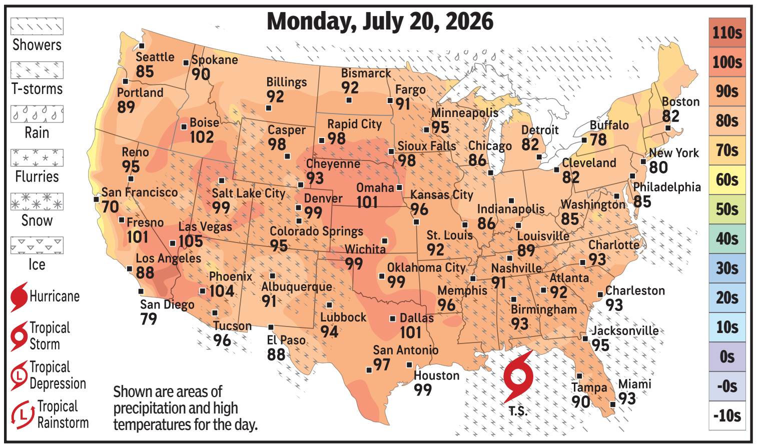
Monday, July 20, 2026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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	12:53a	1:33p	1:43a	2:20p
Fire Island	12:56a	1:34p	1:41a	2:24p
Hempstead	4:41a	5:10p	5:41a	6:07p
Huntington	4:32a	4:59p	5:27a	5:52p
Jones Inlet	12:37a	1:17p	1:27a	2:04p
Montauk Point	2:05a	2:42p	2:57a	3:35p
Port Washington	4:51a	5:20p	5:52a	6:16p
Sandy Hook	12:57a	1:37p	1:47a	2:24p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	81/64/pc	78/69/t
Danbury	80/61/s	78/71/t
Glens Falls	80/57/pc	76/67/t
Gr Barrington	80/57/s	76/66/t
Kingston	82/60/s	78/69/t
Liberty	78/57/s	72/64/t
Monticello	79/59/s	73/64/t
Newburgh	82/64/s	79/70/t
Poughkeepsie	82/62/s	80/69/t
Saratoga Springs	81/61/pc	76/67/t
Stroudsburg	81/61/s	78/67/t
Torrington	80/59/s	77/69/t
Syracuse	81/66/s	81/65/t

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	96/76/s	97/78/s
Baghdad	113/93/s	116/94/s
Beijing	88/69/sh	87/73/t
Berlin	66/55/sh	74/55/pc
Cairo	102/77/pc	101/78/pc
Dublin	70/52/pc	70/52/c
Geneva	85/59/s	81/57/s
Hong Kong	88/82/r	89/83/sh
Jerusalem	89/71/s	88/70/s
Kabul	95/71/pc	95/69/pc
London	79/57/pc	81/60/s
Madrid	98/71/s	101/73/s
Mexico City	79/54/r	78/55/pc
Montreal	80/64/pc	77/65/t
Moscow	82/63/c	75/59/sh
Paris	76/57/pc	80/59/s
Rio de Janeiro	81/68/s	84/68/pc
Rome	92/74/s	92/72/s
Sydney	65/51/s	67/49/c
Tokyo	97/80/s	100/81/t

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> “One of the clearest signs that a baby’s digestive system is working well is whether they are growing and thriving.”

EAT UP, BABY!

The feeding red flags to watch for — and what’s actually normal

WHEN it comes to babies, what goes down … must sometimes come up.

From spit-up to food refusal, about 50% of infants develop at least one functional gastrointestinal disorder, or FGID, between birth and six months. These common, typically benign gut issues are often linked to a newborn’s still-developing gut microbiome, nervous system and immune system, and frequently have no underlying medical cause.

Most symptoms improve naturally during the first year of life. But that doesn’t stop perplexed parents from losing sleep, doomscrolling for answers and wondering whether every burp, bottle or diaper change means something is wrong.

Thankfully, pediatric gastroenterologists can help address common feeding concerns in newborns and babies.

Dr. Melanie Greifer, MD, a pediatric gastroenterologist within the Pediatric Gastroenterology Program at Hassenfeld Children’s Hospital at NYU Langone, said that while some infant feeding behaviors may seem scary or concerning, they are often part of normal development.

Here’s what parents need to know about spit-up, feeding struggles, growth concerns and the red flags that mean it’s time to call the pediatrician.

Spitting up

On social media, babies often look picture-perfect — and squeaky clean.

Parents aren’t sharing the burp cloths, outfit changes and messy moments that come with feeding a newborn. That can make families wonder whether frequent spit-up is a sign something is wrong.

But spit-up is extremely common in babies. Infants take in a lot of liquid, whether breast milk or formula, and their digestive systems are still gaining strength and developing.

Together, this creates the perfect storm for reflux — and in many cases, it’s simply part of being a baby.

Breastfeeding vs. formula

The breastfeeding-versus-formula debate can create enormous stress for parents.

Breastfeeding provides excellent nutrition for infants, but if it isn’t working for a family, that pressure can become overwhelming. What matters most is that babies are fed, growing and cared for in a calm environment.

Formula is also a safe, highly regulated option, with many variations available to meet different needs.

Is baby eating enough?

One of the clearest signs that a baby’s digestive system is working well is whether they are growing and thriving.

A baby who is following their growth curve and gaining weight appropriately is usually getting the nutrition they need, even if feeding patterns vary from day to day.

One of the main warning signs of a digestive issue is poor growth or a noticeable change in a baby’s growth pattern.

Feeding concerns become more serious when they are paired with difficulty gaining weight or falling off the growth curve.

Pooping

Pooping patterns can cause a lot of stress for new parents, but there is a wide range of normal. Some babies poop multiple times a day, while others may go days without a movement.

The concern is when there is a noticeable change from what is typical for that baby.

Blood or mucus in the stool, or a sudden shift in bowel habits, is a reason to check in with the pediatrician.

Refusing to feed

Most babies will have off days with feeding, but pediatric specialists become more concerned when reluctance to eat turns into a pattern.

Unlike fussiness, persistent refusal is less about preference and more about how well a baby is tolerating feeds.

A baby who consistently pushes away the breast or bottle, becomes distressed during feeds or refuses to eat altogether may be signaling an underlying issue that needs medical attention.

Feeding refusal is one of the signs pediatricians take seriously because it can affect hydration, nutrition and growth.

Medication isn’t always the answer

Most infant digestive issues can’t be solved by a magic pill. Acid-blocking medications can reduce acid, but they don’t stop spit-up itself.

For babies with normal reflux, doctors often focus first on approaches such as smaller, more frequent feeds or keeping a baby upright for 20 to 30 minutes after eating.

Medication is usually considered only when the benefits outweigh the risks.

A warning on online advice

Search results, AI chatbots included, can quickly make parents think normal infant behaviors could be rare medical conditions, without the context of knowing a specific baby.

To help filter the flood of online resources, use information from pediatric organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other trusted medical sources, while keeping the child’s pediatrician involved.

When bringing concerns to the doctor, start with what you’re seeing, the actual symptoms, rather than leading with a diagnosis found online.

When to call the doctor

Parents know their babies better than anyone. If you feel something is off, you shouldn’t wait to contact your pediatrician. There’s no extra credit for waiting.

Sometimes, the answer will simply be reassurance and observation — and that’s OK.

Having a pediatrician you trust makes it easier to ask questions before a concern becomes overwhelming.

Remember: It’s a work in progress

Feeding a baby is rarely predictable, and that’s part of what makes the first year so challenging for parents. Some days go smoothly, with steady feeds and a content baby.

Other days are marked by gas, fussiness or feeds that feel harder than they should.

There is no perfect rhythm that every baby follows. Instead, feeding tends to shift from day to day as babies grow and learn how to coordinate their own hunger cues.

Ultimately, feeding is less about getting every day exactly right and more about staying attuned, flexible and connected to your baby.

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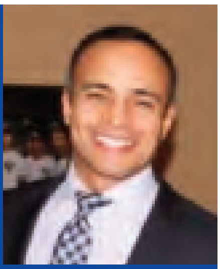

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No-Bid Enigma

Mayor's odd delay on school-spending reform

JENNIFER WEBER

MAYOR Mamdani campaigned on cleaning up the Department of Education's bloated contracts, promising to audit its biggest vendors and root out deals built on who you know, not what you do. So it's odd that four months after the City Council asked to see DOE's contracts, it still hasn't gotten them all.

Speaker Julie Menin this month threatened subpoenas over the hundreds of missing contracts. Mamdani says she'll have them "in the coming weeks." For a mayor who ran on following the money, it's a strange thing to slow-walk.

Much of the school system runs on outside vendors. The DOE spends nearly $13 billion a year contracting out busing, cleaning, food, technology and special-education services. It buys the same services year after year. When a contract expires, the city can rebid it or renew with the same vendor. It usually renews.

So billions of taxpayer dollars are flowing through decades-old contracts that get renewed, extended and expanded without ever being tested against a competitor. Last year, only 13% of the DOE's new contracts were competitively awarded.

These renewal deals are perfectly legal. And that's the problem: The city reviews whether contracts meet legal and procedural requirements — not whether another vendor can provide the same or better service for less.

Unlike nearly every other city agency, the DOE doesn't have to follow the Procurement Policy Board rules — the citywide standards that promote competition and help ensure taxpayers get the best value. State law exempts it.

Contracts over $1 million still go before the Panel for Educational Policy, and the comptroller registers them. But none of those steps asks whether another vendor could deliver the same or better services at a lower cost.

The school-bus system is the clearest example. After labor protections adopted following the 1979 bus strike made rebidding politically difficult, the city repeatedly extended contracts with the same companies.

James Keivom for NY Post

Long wait: Mamdani is fending off the City Council's DOE contract review.

In 2013, after the state's highest court ruled contract protections could not be required in new competitively bid deals, the Bloomberg administration rebid school-bus routes for the first time in more than 30 years. Drivers struck for a month, stranding 100,000 kids.

Mayor Bill de Blasio undid it –– pending $42 million to subsidize winning companies' wages and returning to the practice of extending contracts. Routes haven't faced a real bid since.

Last November, the Adams administration extended the contracts again. In more than 40 years, the city's school-bus contracts have faced real competition only once.

The custodial system followed a similar path. In 2016, rather than competitively rebidding custodial services, the de Blasio administration created NYC School Support Services, a DOE-affiliated nonprofit employing roughly 8,000 workers.

A 2022 state comptroller audit found the DOE awarded the $6.4 billion custodial contract noncompetitively, without meeting its own procurement rules. Auditors found no detailed cost breakdown, no measurable performance standards and only a five-business-day opportunity for other vendors to respond.

Universal Pre-K was also expanded in the same way. It launched in 2014 with hundreds of community providers; many are still paid today under contracts that were never rebid.

School food shows how expensive no-bid gets: A 2021 city comptroller report found that over four years — all under de Blasio — the DOE spent more than half a billion dollars on "approved brand" food products with "no competitive bids or proposals." Federal prosecutors charged the DOE's former food chief and three executives with felonies. And when the city finally bid out just five of those products, it saved $7.8 million.

Other agencies show that regular competition is both possible and routine. Environmental Protection competitively awarded 72% of its contract dollars. Sanitation nearly matched it, at 68%. The nation's largest school system? 13%.

That is what the council is trying to expose. And what Mamdani campaigned on fixing.

When the council finally gets the contracts, it should look at not only the no-bid awards but also the ones that haven't been competed for in years.

But fixing the process falls to City Hall. As each contract comes up, the city decides: Solicit competitive bids or extend it.

Mamdani's budget pushed DOE spending to a record $38.6 billion — nearly $4 billion more than last year. But his plan banks on procurement savings. Those savings materialize only if the city makes vendors compete.

Mamdani campaigned on reform. Now comes the test.

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FAST TAKES

Libertarian: Your Car Is Watching You

Starting July 7, the European Union's General Safety Regulation "now requires that new vehicles include in-car cameras that constantly monitor drivers" at the "customers' expense," fumes Reason's J.D. Tuccille. The idea is to "constantly monitor drivers and prod the ones who are allegedly drowsy or distracted." These cameras "are not supposed to store or share information," but "the data could still be stored using existing compatibilities." Worse, "Europe's car-snoop mandates could bleed into the U.S. market," as "car companies do not like building dramatically different electrical architectures for different regions." Auto owners who learn to "disable new surveillance technologies" might "risk legal penalties . . . for yanking the plug on Big Brother."

Beijing watch: China Economy Stumbling Along

"Accumulating evidence" suggests China's "GDP growth rate may be zero" or even "that the economy is in outright recession," explains The Wall Street Journal's Joseph C. Sternberg. Investment measures "are in free fall" with "real-estate investment down 18%," while "demand for energy within China" is declining rapidly. If "none of the components" of growth "are increasing to any great degree" and "China isn't consuming energy" like an industrial superpower, "it's fair to wonder" whether even the "anemic GDP figure" announced last week "is confected," though exports are still going "gangbusters." So an "urgent global political-economy question" centers on what China's apparently irreversible slowdown means for the rest of the world." Beijing's "utter dependence on the goodwill" of foreign rivals to keep buying its exports "will determine whether and how China's economy ever returns to a stable growth footing."

Urban beat: Carriage-Horse Ban Is a Big Mistake

At City & State, City Councilman James Gennaro cites his 60 years as an equestrian and decades as a public servant to urge his colleagues to "step back before making a mistake" they'll regret by passing Romanch's Law. The bill, which bans the city's "iconic carriage horse industry," is "driven more by ideology than reality." Yes, the city "experienced a heartbreaking tragedy when Romanch Mahajan" was killed in a carriage accident last month. "But good public policy cannot be driven by emotion alone," and this bill "sentences the horses to death," ignores "the livelihoods of hardworking immigrant families and seeks to dismantle a safe, highly regulated industry without any compelling justification." "New Yorkers deserve leadership that addresses genuine problems — not legislation that creates new ones."

From the right: Little House's Big Agenda

Rebecca Sonnenshine

Netflix's new "Little House on the Prairie" series is far from "the story of the Ingalls family"; rather, it serves as "a convenient vehicle" for "showrunner Rebecca Sonnenshine" to pile high "her own characters, plot, and political agenda," thunders The Federalist's Elle Purnell. This show's not "about the Ingalls building a life alone on the frontier," but a "village . . . with an array of DEI box-checking new characters." It teaches that "self-reliance is overrated" and "demystifies the idea of the self-made man." In this "vision of frontier multiculturalism battling entrenched white supremacy," the Ingalls are deemed "bad for going west and stealing the Indians' land." Worse, it's stagnant: "It's just there, like Pa talking to the Indians, awkwardly apologizing for its own existence."

Space race: NASA's Moon Gamble

"NASA has been given two tasks concerning the moon that may be in conflict," warns Mark R. Whittington at The Hill. "One is to build a lunar base" so "large, complex landers" can "move large amounts of astronauts and material to the lunar surface." The other: "Beat the Chinese back to the moon," which requires only "something smaller." Yet the agency is pursuing only "larger, complex human landing systems": SpaceX's Starship system will need at least 15 launches to get a module to Luna; Blue Origin's Blue Moon will need at least three launches of New Glenn rockets. The US companies face huge challenges to meet NASA's 2028 moon-landing goal; but then "China could experience setbacks that delay its own lunar program."

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Hochul's Chutzpah

Gov. Hochul last week proudly pooh-poohed Mayor Mamdani's "tax the rich" crusade — apparently betting that no one will recall the hikes she's signed on to before, nor the ones she'll likely support if she can just win one more election.

New York "should not be raising taxes on high-net-worth individuals" or "raising taxes on the companies that are creating the jobs and generating the revenue that helps us pay for the services" residents rely on, the gov preened on "Good Day New York." Huh? She's hiked one tax or another every year she's been in the Governor's Mansion.

● *She* first proposed and then imposed the new pied-à-terre tax to help Mamdani tax the rich, and it's already having the very sinking economic impact she claims to fear.

● The budget she recently pushed through hiked taxes on businesses by decoupling the state code from how federal law treats R&D costs.

● In her five years as governor, she has twice extended the corporate franchise tax on firms earning more than $5 million.

● In 2023, Hochul raised the MTA payroll mobility tax on businesses.

● In 2024, she implemented the much-hated congestion-pricing tolls that tax vehicles entering Manhattan south of Central Park, a bane on businesses in the zone.

● And of course as No. 2 to then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo, she was a loyal supporter of his 2021 income-tax hike — New York's largest in 60 years — which permanently elevated the 8.82% bracket to 9.65%, and imposed rates of 10.3% on filers earning more than $5 million and 10.9% on taxpayers earning over $25 million.

Then again, Cuomo had *also* claimed to think New Yorkers were already over-taxed before he made things even worse.

Meanwhile, state spending has soared on Hochul's watch, leaving ginormous budget gaps starting next year that the Legislature will surely want to close via tax hikes. And the gov won't need to raise any more campaign funds ever after this November, so why would she resist?

Kathy Hochul clearly knows how badly high taxes hurt New York, but it hasn't stopped her before and it won't stop her ever again.

Today's Taxes Are Killing New York

Of course, even if New York weren't on course to hike taxes again in the near future, the ones it already imposes are slowly killing the entire state.

That was made even more plain by the new Citizens Budget Commission analysis showing our ever-shrinking share of the nation's top earners, a decline that now costs New York roughly $11 billion a year in lost tax revenues.

From 2010 to 2022, *before* Mayor Mamdani took office vowing to "tax the rich," the Empire State's share of America's millionaires fell from 12.7% to 8.7%.

That's a result of some high earners moving away, and of the state's growing failure to attract or foster the people who'll *become* big earners — choosing to build the booming businesses of the future in states that aren't determined to gouge them in every possible way. That's why Florida and Texas are upping their "millionaire shares."

And the decline is likely to grow even worse: Wall Street is still the nation's finance capital, but Gotham's edge is steadily shrinking as the industry spreads out — and alternatives like the Texas Stock Exchange grow more viable.

Have no doubt: They will be missed.

Quite apart from the jobs that high earners naturally create, they now pay about 45% of state income taxes; the exodus is rapidly eroding New York's entire tax base — leading Albany to hike taxes on everyone else rather than cut the state spending that feeds the political class.

Bottom line: Unless New York starts *cutting* taxes hard and fast, everyone who doesn't have a government job is headed for a world of pain.

Dems' Damning Fraud No-Show

As Republicans expose fraud in the tens of billions in Medicaid and other welfare programs, Democrats' response is to . . . duck.

They made it glaringly obvious last week as Sen. Rand Paul chaired a Senate Homeland Security Committee meeting: Nearly all the panel's Dem members were total no-shows; only Sen. Gary Peters attended at all, and only long enough to ask a few questions before heading for the door.

The hearing actually covered two very different fraud topics:

● Independent journalist Nick Shirley reviewed his welfare-fraud discoveries, including blatant abuses of Medicaid by New York adult day cares.

● James O'Keefe, the undercover-video specialist, testified about his recordings uncovering voter bribery on LA's Skid Row.

Strange: Dems have *extremely* strong views on both issues. They've been slamming Republican moves to trim Medicaid and other welfare outlays for years now, denouncing anti-fraud measures as "savage cuts"; Senate Democrats are even now using the filibuster to prevent a floor vote that would pass the SAVE Act to counter voting fraud.

Yet they simply boycotted a hearing where they could have poked holes in GOP claims as they grilled the witnesses. Do they think their own case is so weak that they don't dare even *try* to make it?

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Beijing Swiped Voter Info: How Will Trump Handle Xi?

THE ISSUE: President Trump reveals China stole American voter registration data in a primetime speech.

President Trump

•The president's speech revealing that China stole US voter information was quite enlightening; I'm glad they finally found proof of potential voter fraud ("Beijing's U.S. voter hacking," July 17).

Now it is time to act and bring charges.

Donald Smith
Pagosa Springs, Colo.

•China's possession of US voter data is no surprise, since Beijing's interference in elections in Canada and Taiwan is well documented.

Trump is right to expose this. But why is he always saying what a great relationship he has with Xi Jinping? **Andrew Delaney**
Jamaica Estates

•What Trump conspicuously left out in his speech was that members of his own administration acknowledged they found no evidence of voter fraud that could have changed the outcome of the 2020 election.

I doubt this will be the last time the president claims the 2020 election was rigged before midterm elections. I hope that each time the president talks about the issue, fewer and fewer Americans will believe him.

Denny Freidenrich
Laguna Beach, Calif.

•Deciding the thrust of Trump's lunatic screed was false, NBC and ABC chose not to televise it and CBS cut away from it to start debunking it before he was even finished.

What's worse — that neither of our last two presidents has been mentally stable or that the mainstream media is determined to manipulate our views? **Matthew Brief**
Manhattan

•Citing "vulnerabilities" in a system is one thing. But to prove that US voting machines were hacked to change votes or that US citizens were actively involved in such efforts, well, that's something entirely different. Until I see names and criminal indictments, this means very little to me.

Arthur Saginian
Santa Clarita, Calif.

•Did the president discuss the soaring cost of living or the disastrous stalemate in our war against Iran? No; he used the opportunity to again make baseless claims about the security of United States elections.

His unwillingness to accept the result of an election that he lost is unique to this president, and it is destabilizing to our system of elections and our country. **Oren Spiegler**
Peters Township, Pa.

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Mayoral Buddies Behind Bars

THE ISSUE: Mayor Mamdani's World Cup watch party with detainees at Rikers Island.

•In a photo taken with convicted criminals inside of Rikers Island, Mayor Mamdani watched the England vs. Argentina World Cup match so he could gain political brownie points ("Zo's prison goals," July 17).

He made buddy-buddy with criminals while those who are victims of criminals must be insulted. Evidently, our mayor loves putting criminals, illegal migrants and those who get free assistance of every kind above honest hard-working people of New York City, which insults law-abiding citizens.

Joseph Comperchio
Brooklyn

•The hits just keep on coming with Mamdani. Our illustrious mayor saw fit to attend a World Cup watch party at Rikers Island with numerous alleged felons and other prisoners. The taxpayer-provided menu included salmon, penne à la vodka and chicken parmesan.

The mayor stated that every New Yorker deserves to have their dignity affirmed. Does this also apply to the victims of their crimes?

Mr. Mayor, your place is with crime victims, not crime perpetrators.

Kenneth Fitzgerald
Hicksville

•This mayor should be visiting the families of crime victims, not prisoners at Rikers Island. Who voted for this commie?

Anthony Nicolaidis
Brooklyn

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A Familiar Panic

Hysterical war on data centers

DAVID HARSANYI

WHEN Gov. Hochul signed a one-year moratorium on new large-scale data centers via executive order, it became the nation's first statewide ban. It will likely be popular.

Polls find widespread opposition to data centers, and the objections seem to be growing. Around 70% oppose the construction of a new AI data center in their area, with 48% strongly opposed.

Even in Texas, the energy-rich state with the most data centers, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has called for a ban on new developments in rural areas.

The panic is highly reminiscent of the hysteria over hydraulic fracturing. And like the fracking ban in New York, also based on junk science and scaremongering — not to mention, initially a "moratorium" — the policy will backfire.

The economic case for data centers is indisputable. A single hyperscale facility brings in billions in capital investment, creates a slew of high-paying jobs from construction to engineering and ensures local governments are flush with tax revenue.

Big Tech bogeymen like Google and Meta upgrade local infrastructure and create secondary economies, often in struggling areas. Long term, these companies offer self-sustaining economic activity that the magical "green" industry never did, or could.

In Loudoun County, Va., home of the largest concentration of data centers in the country, the tax revenue from AI infrastructure accounts for 95% of the operating budget.

Because energy price spikes have coincided with the data-center debate, one of the major concerns you hear from people is that their utility bills will go up. But the data don't bear this out.

States with fast-growing electricity rates like California have few data centers, while states like Virginia, which leads the country in data-center energy consumption, have seen electricity prices increase at the national average. There's considerable evidence that data centers have *eased* electricity rate hikes over the past decade, as companies took on a growing share of utility costs, reducing the demand on residents.

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Hysteria: Luddites howled over a planned data center near the Nashville Zoo.

The solution to high energy demand isn't to build fewer data centers — it's to generate more energy.

Trepidation over artificial intelligence also surely plays a role in concern over data centers. That's a perfectly legitimate and important debate for society to have, but most attacks on data centers revolve around the environment.

The other day, popular WNBA player Sophie Cunningham asked: "So how do we save our farm land and stop all these dumb data centers?" Save farmland? Data centers are predicted to use around 1,400 square miles of land by 2028; farmland already uses around *1.4 million* square miles. There's more than enough land for both.

If anything, tech projects might save farming communities. A large project in Farmville in rural Prince Edward County, Va., for instance, will optimize the land mass used by a small farm and make a $5 billion investment into the community.

Data centers consume somewhere around 2% to 4% of total freshwater withdrawals, a tiny fraction compared to agriculture — or manufacturing, mining or basically any other major industry. Nationally, they consume significantly less water than golf courses.

Not long ago, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) produced two jars full of brown water at a congressional hearing, alleging it was what "drinking water" looked like in Morgan County, Ga., where a Meta data-center project was underway. Scary stuff.

But earlier reports found only four households in the county had seen sediment-clogged or brown water, or dry taps. Brown drinking water was not widespread.

More important, construction projects that burst wells on occasion aren't unique to data centers but occur with construction of all types. Crews installing a major solar project in upstate New York accidentally struck an aquifer while drilling not long ago. Does AOC believe we should put a moratorium on solar panel projects, too?

If you care about the environment, you should note that data centers facilitate considerable efficiencies elsewhere — such as remote work that reduces commuting emissions and cloud computing that's far more efficient than hundreds of thousands of servers.

The effective voices against data centers, after all, are the same Luddites who've spread environmental apocalypticism to stop modernization projects such as pipelines and power plants and fracking.

Most of their arguments don't hold water. That doesn't mean they're not winning.

STARBUCKS' UNHEEDED TAX WARNING

ARI HOFFMAN

PEOPLE said we were making it up — that corporate flight was a myth. Now we're a cautionary tale.

The largest companies in Washington state knew higher taxes were coming. They warned Gov. Bob Ferguson the hit would damage the state's business climate. Instead of heeding their warnings, he privately tried to convince them the taxes were a good thing — and failed.

That's what I found from the public records. When I heard Starbucks was leaving, I felt sure something was missing. A landmark Seattle company doesn't announce a $100 million investment in a massive new corporate hub in Nashville and begin laying off Seattle workers without conversations behind the scenes.

Starbucks is one of Washington's most politically connected companies and a cornerstone of Seattle's economy. Surely someone had tried to stop it.

So I filed public-records requests. What came back was a damning paper trail.

The records show Starbucks warned Ferguson in 2025 that portions of his tax package would hurt the state's business climate. The company said taxing headquarters functions like staffing, IT and advertising would "dramatically increase costs" and place it "at a competitive disadvantage to companies based in other states."

It also warned that a new business-and-occupation tax surcharge would make it harder to invest in Washington. That year, Ferguson signed the largest tax increase in state history anyway.

Starbucks CEO Brian Niccol requested a meeting with Ferguson in February. The meeting never happened. Instead, the state passed its first income tax.

Months later, after Starbucks made its Nashville announcement, the governor finally requested a meeting. His staff prepared him for the conversation with a memo: "The Nashville acquisition and continued Washington layoffs . . . raise public questions about whether the company is gradually shifting its center of gravity."

Staffers also anticipated Niccol would bring up the 2025 tax increases and this year's new income tax. The governor's response wasn't to reconsider the policies. It was to try and sell them.

His briefing book contained talking points explaining why Washington remained a great place to do business despite higher taxes. "Similar to your work bringing Starbucks 'back to basics,' my focus is getting Washington back to delivering excellent core public services," one prepared talking point read. The strategy: Argue that higher taxes would pay for better schools, roads, bridges and public services that would ultimately benefit employers.

By the time of the April 15 meeting, Ferguson's staff had documented the scale of the company's flight. Two rounds of corporate and retail layoffs had affected nearly 1,300 Washington workers. The records also showed Niccol identified public safety around Starbucks' Seattle headquarters as a major concern.

And Starbucks wasn't an isolated case: T-Mobile had also written lawmakers warning that Washington's expanded sales tax on advertising services punished companies for keeping headquarters jobs in the state. "Companies headquartered in Washington, with marketing teams or decision makers located here, incur this tax," CEO Srini Gopalan wrote. "Companies headquartered outside Washington do not."

The company warned that the tax created "an unintended competitive disadvantage for companies that choose to headquarter and employ workers in our state."

Lawmakers left the tax in place. T-Mobile has laid off nearly 400 Washington employees while continuing to expand campuses in Kansas, Texas and Georgia.

Major employers weren't blindsiding the governor and lawmakers with announcements after decisions had already been made. They were warning state leaders, in writing, that Democrats' tax policy was making Washington less competitive.

The governor knew. His staff knew. Lawmakers knew. The conversations were happening. The public simply wasn't included.

Seattle-area startups raised just $2.7 billion across 163 venture-capital deals during the first half of 2026, down about 40% from $4.5 billion across 210 deals a year earlier. Among the nation's 10 largest venture-capital markets, Seattle fell from fifth to seventh place in dollars invested and ranked last in deal count during that time.

Microsoft, Amazon, Meta, Oracle and other Seattle-area tech companies have eliminated tens of thousands of Washington jobs since January. Seattle office vacancy sits at roughly 37%, and statewide unemployment is 5.2%, a full percentage point above the national average.

Washington's largest employers repeatedly warned state leaders that higher taxes would make the state less competitive. Officials heard the warnings. They ignored them.

Now my state is paying the price.

Ari Hoffman hosts "The Ari Hoffman Show" on Seattle's Talk Radio 570 KVI.

The Post Puzzle Page

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A1 I1 O1 T1 R1 C3 V4 — 3rd Letter Triple — RACK 1

A1 I1 G2 L1 T1 B3 R1 — RACK 2

A1 U1 U1 N1 N1 H4 M3 — Double Word Score — RACK 3

E1 O1 O1 T1 L1 N1 P3 — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160
BEST SCORE 212

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

C3 A1 V4 O1 R1 T1

B3 A1 T1 G2 I1 R1 L1

U1 N1 H4 U1 M3 A1 N1

P3 E1 L1 O1 T1 O1 N1

PAR SCORE 150-160

SOLUTION
RACK 1 = 19
RACK 2 = 60
RACK 3 = 74
RACK 4 = 59
TOTAL 212

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 9 4
♡ A K 5 2
◇ 8 4 3
♣ K J 8 4

WEST
♠ K 8 2
♡ J 4
◇ Q 9 7 6 2
♣ 10 5 3

EAST
♠ J 10 7 6
♡ Q 10 9 8 3
◇ A J
♣ 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5 3
♡ 7 6
◇ K 10 5
♣ A Q 7 2

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead – ◇ 6

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Cy the Cynic had lost five pounds -- and gained 10.

"You're courting trouble," I told Cy.

"Weight gain is inevitable," the Cynic shrugged. "It's all that information I absorb going to my head."

In my club's penny game, Cy played at 3NT. West led a diamond, and East took the ace and returned the jack. Cy took his king and cashed four clubs. East's first discard was a heart, and he next threw a spade. West let go a spade. Cy then led a spade to finesse with his queen, and West won and cashed his queen and two more diamonds. Down one.

Cy had the information to make the winning play, but it didn't go to his head -- maybe to his liver. East's heart discard was significant, suggesting he had five. He would be reluctant to discard from a four-card holding since dummy's fourth heart might become a winner.

After Cy cashes his club tricks, he should take the A-K of hearts and exit with a diamond. West takes three diamonds but must then lead a spade from his king.

Word Force

LOANWORD

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 12** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Saturday's word:
COOKWARE

awoke
cower
crake
creak
croak
crook
wacko
wooer
wrack
wreak
wreck

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SALT SUBSTITUTES — **Solution: 9 letters**

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Last Saturday's Answer: Bubbly

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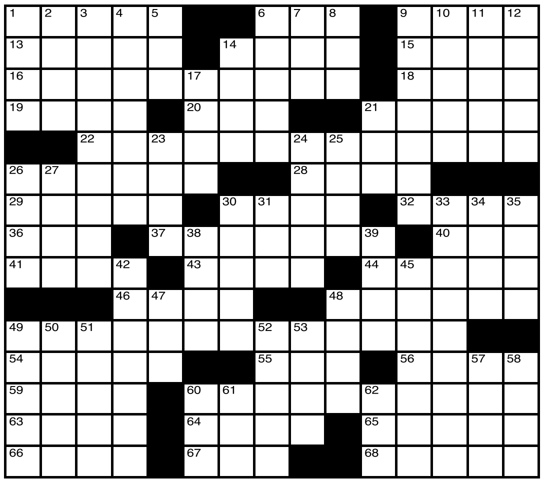
Quick Crossword



Across

1 Scouting mission, briefly
6 Assent nonverbally
9 Blue-green hue
13 Greeting at a luau
14 Identical
15 Organ with bronchioles
16 Nickname for Hollywood
18 Meaty spread
19 Meh
20 "Tastes great!"
21 __ to go: full of enthusiasm
22 Sanction for running a red light
26 Hopelessly stuck
28 Peruvian capital
29 One-named "Dancing on My Own" singer
30 Astonish
32 Pepper partner
36 Comm. used by many CODAs
37 Collections with cups and saucers, or a phonetic description of 16-, 22-, 49-, and 60-Across
40 Fish eggs
41 Require
43 Tears
44 Secures with a key
46 King of the Norse pantheon
48 Many a chart-topping song
49 "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers," e.g.
54 Express feelings
55 Approves
56 Like a plump red strawberry
59 Org. with a phonetic alphabet
60 "Magic Tree House" subject
63 Gender-neutral pronoun
64 Zone
65 Gaming giant
66 Back talk
67 Frying vessel
68 Gets soupy, as ice cream

Down

1 Sewer scurriers
2 Pixar film about a boy who meets aliens
3 British police officer
4 "Whoops, my bad"
5 Scottish denial
6 Tennis star Osaka
7 Texter's "Coming!"
8 Cozy room
9 Pack animals known for spitting
10 Elementary subatomic particle
11 Loosen, as a knot
12 Representative
14 Double __ Oreo
17 Uber competitor
21 Outer edge
23 Mom's sister
24 "Blue's __": Nick Jr. show
25 Add color to
26 Tehran's country
27 Rudolph's red body part
30 Exceptionally kind person
31 Baking qty.
33 Biggest competitor
34 Trickster of the Norse pantheon
35 Midterm, e.g.
38 Shallowest Great Lake
39 Opening in a spatula
42 Nylabones, squeak balls, and the like
45 Do surgery
47 Payable now
48 Soft "Hey, you!"
49 Camp shelters
50 Biggest city in the Cornhusker State
51 Parts of a scale
52 People celebrated internationally every March 8
53 Furniture chain founded in Sweden
57 Cheeky
58 Yale students
60 Alternative to bottled, in a restaurant
61 Golden yrs. fund
62 Aries animal

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Loeffler lift

Small Business Administration head Kelly Loeffler multiplied the value of her investment in Elon Musk's SpaceX after she was nominated for the job, earning millions of dollars from the company's record initial public offering, her financial disclosures showed.

China probe

The former president of the China Development Bank, Ouyang Weimin, has been put under investigation on suspicion of serious disciplinary and legal violations, China's anti-graft watchdog, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, said on Sunday.

Jet speed

Jet engine maker CFM said Saturday it is investing $2 billion over five years to help meet targets of faster maintenance times, part of efforts to ease engine-industry bottlenecks that have drawn fire from airlines.

Case dropped

The top federal prosecutor in Brooklyn said he had no basis to dispute the Department of Justice's decision to abandon its prosecution of Indian billionaire Gautam Adani, but stopped short of saying if he agreed with dismissing the fraud and bribery case.

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EURO TECH TACTICS

Some Dems seek EU-style regs on social media

By THOMAS BARRABI

A contingent of Democrats has unveiled plans for a clampdown on Big Tech companies that critics say look a lot like tough regulations in Europe, setting up a potential clash with Silicon Valley in upcoming elections, sources told The Post.

The liberal backers of Project 2029 want Democratic presidential candidates to pursue a a social media ban for kids under age 16, limits on the Section 230 tech-liability shield, stronger default privacy settings and tighter restrictions on AI chatbots.

Some critics note that backers of the plans have also promoted the EU's controversial tech regulations.

Reset Tech, the policy firm that co-authored Project 2029's Kids Over Clicks agenda, received a $2 million grant in 2024 from George Soros' Open Society Foundations for "encouraging effective enforcement" of Europe's Digital Services Act.

The EU's sweeping 2022 clampdown requires Big Tech firms to moderate content and protect user privacy.

The law has been criticized by the Trump administration as a vehicle for censorship and discriminatory fines against American firms.

President Trump himself has compared the fines to a hidden tariff on American industry.

Project 2029 does not explicitly endorse any European tech laws, and stops short of EU rules on policing misinformation and hate speech with the help of big fines.

However, the group's website notes that the EU is among several entities that have begun "implementing age restrictions for social media."

$7 billion in fines

In the past two years alone, the European Commission, the EU's governing body, has levied more than $7 billion in fines against Meta, Google and Apple for various violations. Elon Musk's X has also been targeted over alleged hate speech on its app.

In 2022, Reset Tech CEO Ben Scott, a former Hillary Clinton adviser, described the Digital Services Act as "nothing short of a paradigm shift in tech regulation."

Social issues

Google
Meta
OpenAI

"Republicans should be careful not to let Democrats outflank them on those kitchen-table issues."

— Evan Swarztrauber, former FCC policy adviser

While some Democrats want bans on social media for kids and cellphones in school, greater liability for Big Tech and limits on AI bots, Republicans must be careful in defending free speech on the internet not to appear anti-family.

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Reset Tech did not return The Post's request for comment.

Project 2029 also wants to ban cellphones for kids during school. So far, Kids Over Clicks has drawn support from likely 2028 presidential candidate Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Democratic New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten.

Calls for an aggressive clampdown on safety flaws in social media and AI have bipartisan support, according to Evan Swarztrauber, a former FCC policy adviser and principal at CorePoint Strategies.

Still, he adds that Democrats are risking a repeat of 2024, when Silicon Valley titans threw their weight behind Trump on concerns that the party was too hostile toward the tech industry, and too willing to turn a blind eye when countries in Europe and elsewhere imposed penalties.

"Republicans should be careful not to let Democrats outflank them on those kitchen-table issues," Swarztrauber said. "However, Democrats also risk going too far and further alienating a tech industry that turned on them because of the Biden administration's hyper-regulatory approach."

Ramped up lobbying

The Project 2029 proposals are sure to trigger fierce pushback from Big Tech firms that have ramped up lobbying efforts around social media and AI regulation in the past few years.

"The Digital Services Act gives European regulators direct leverage over what platforms let their users say," said Robert Winterton, vice president of public affairs at the right-of-center tech-policy group NetChoice.

"Importing that approach to the United States would put the government in the middle of speech decisions the First Amendment keeps out of its hands," Winterton added.

"It's one thing for your home country to want to regulate you," added another tech-policy executive who requested anonymity. "It's another thing for your home country to be supportive of other countries regulating you. There is a history of tech executives already moving away [from] Democrats who are looking to Europe to regulate us and not defending us abroad."

Chad Maisel, the executive director of Project 2029 and former Biden Domestic Policy Council member, referred The Post to the group's Kids Over Clicks mission statement, which was written by Reset Tech US Director Rishi Barwhani.

"The choice that some pose between optimism about technology on the one hand and protecting kids and the values of the American people on the other is a false one," Barwhani wrote.

"Today, the harms many children experience online undermine trust in the entire technology sector, making it harder for the lawmakers who want to champion the innovation economy America needs."

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Hollywood 'Empire'

Talent big's NYC ops rise in icon

STEVE CUOZZO

REALTY CHECK

Star client for star building

California-based talent representative United Talent Agency, which has LeBron James and Timothée Chalamet as clients, is consolidating its New York operations in the Empire State Building.

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LOS Angeles-based United Talent Agency, whose clients include A-list entertainers and is also a partner in representing LeBron James, is taking its talents to the Empire State Building.

UTA signed a lease for 100,948 square feet on the skyscraper's 32nd through 35th floors. The move marks an expansion and consolidation from 81,000 square feet at three other Manhattan locations. A source said the asking rent was $96 per square foot.

The powerhouse agency's Manhattan office includes its Filmed Entertainment, Creators, News, Publishing, Theater, Music, Speakers, Sports and Brand Advisory businesses. Its clients include actors Timothée Chalamet and Kirsten Dunst; musicians Bad Bunny, Lizzo and Christina Aguilera; and athletes such as James through a partnership with Klutch Sports Group.

UTA Chief Operating Officer Bob Roback called the Empire State Building move "a reflection of UTA's continued growth and our long-term commitment to New York as a global epicenter of culture, creativity and business.

"As we've expanded our integrated talent representation and brand advisory business, New York has become an increasingly important center for our clients and our company," Roback said. "This new office reflects the scale of our ambitions and positions us to continue building the future of talent, media, sports and brand representation."

The UTA deal is the latest coup for King Kong's favorite skyscraper, where landlord Empire State Realty Trust spent more than a half-billion dollars to rescue the once obsolescent landmark from the dinosaur age.

UTA was represented in lease negotiations by JLL's Mitchell Konsker, Benjamin Bass and Harrison Potter. Bass said, "UTA wanted a space that gives them room to grow and an environment where people genuinely want to work. The Empire State Building provides an incredible range of amenities and flexible floor plates that can adapt as they evolve."

ESRT's investment in the tower since 2005 helped lure LinkedIn, Shutterstock, Booking Holdings and JCDecaux. The building was 96.1% leased according to ESRT's 1Q report even before the UTA coup.

Yet, the tower's obvious and growing success was lost on The New York Times. A hilariously off-the-wall story in 2021 claimed, "The future of the world's most famous skyscraper is in doubt."

In the UTA lease, ESRT was repped by Jordan Berger, Shanae Ursini and Kerry Lavelle in-house and by a Newmark team of Scott Klau, Erik Harris, Neil Rubin, Brent Ozarowski, Zachary Weil and Cole Gendels.

ESRT also just signed an Instacart lease for 26,134 square feet at 111 W. 33rd St., bringing the address to 100% leased. Meanwhile, Infinium Wall Systems took 30,017 square feet of office and retail space at ESRT's 1359 Broadway.

ESRT's 8 million square-foot portfolio has only two large blocks available — 60,000 square feet on the ninth and 10th floors of 501 Seventh Ave. with private outdoor terraces, and 80,000 square feet on the fifth and sixth floors of One Grand Central Plaza.

Fruitless tries

Realty Check rarely strays beyond the Big Apple but we couldn't resist this tale of intrigue in Michael Gross' new book, "Treasured Island: The Story of St. Barth . . . and Its Barbarians, Billionaires, and Beauties."

Izak Senbahar, the New York developer of trophy properties such as Jenga puzzle-like 56 Leonard St., glass-wrapped 165 Charles St. and the redesigned Mark Hotel, twice lost out in a struggle over luxury beach resort hotel Taiwana. Senbahar and his partners first thought they bought it from hotelier Jean-Paul Nemegyei in 2005 — but the Caribbean island's backstage maneuvering left them high and dry.

Nemegyei borrowed millions of dollars from Frederic ("Melon King") Gabert after a hurricane wrecked the place in 1995. Ten years later, Senbahar, Goldman Sachs executive Dan Neidich and a third partner who later dropped out agreed to buy the property for about $30 million. The deal included a $1.5 million deposit to Nemegyei written up as a mortgage.

But in 2009, Gabert called in the loan, leaving Taiwana essentially bankrupt. French courts ordered the hotel sold and voided the sale to Senbahar and Neidich.

The two appeared to prevail in a foreclosure sale, but they lost out a second time when Swiss financial firm Hill Street Partners, backed by Douglas Elliman, leapt in to pay more for the hotel and take Nemegyei off the hook.

Taiwana was later sold to a LVMH hotel subsidiary and absorbed into a different property.

Samsung cuts 700 NJ jobs

Samsung Electronics has cut jobs at its US display, phone and other consumer-electronics operations, affecting workers mainly in New Jersey and Texas, according to documents and two people familiar with the matter.

The South Korean tech giant said Sunday in a statement to Reuters that 739 roles in Englewood Cliffs, NJ, have been affected by Samsung Electronics America plans to move its headquarters to Texas.

SEA is focused on consumer electronics and does not include chips.

At SEA's Plano, Texas, office, some 100 workers including staff in its mobile division, have been let go, according to one person who said they were among the employees laid off and requested anonymity.

The cuts, although related to the shift in headquarters, underscore diverging fortunes within the company with its chip division skyrocketing to record profit but its consumer electronics units languishing as chip costs surge.

Samsung's decision to shift SEA's headquarters is striking because the New Jersey employees only moved to their offices with much fanfare less than a year ago. *Reuters*

Prez planes late & pricey

Boeing said on Sunday it remains "on track" to deliver two new Air Force One jets in 2028, but meeting that target will require additional spending on a program already years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget.

Boeing was awarded a $3.9 billion contract in 2018 to build the aircraft, though costs have since ballooned to more than $5 billion. The aircraft are intended to replace the current Air Force One planes, which entered service in 1990.

"We're on track for 2028," Steve Parker, CEO of Defense, Space & Security, told reporters in the UK. *Reuters*

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF QUEENS

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-A

Plaintiff,

Against

Donovan Harrison a/k/a Donovan A. Harrison, New York City Environmental Control Board,
New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Parking Violations
Bureau, USA/IRS

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 03/12/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Courtroom #25 of the Queens County Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, on 8/7/2026 at 10:00AM, premises known as 144-60 224th Street, Rosedale, New York 11413, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York.
Block 13493 Lot 1
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $58,126.25 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 715243/2023

Gregory J. Newman, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law,
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Dated: 6/10/2026 File Number: 39285 CA

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS,
AMIDA SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS, LLC, Plaintiff, vs.
MAZAL FARMERS GROUP LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Commercial Foreclosure duly entered on June 22, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, on the second floor in Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435 on August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 113-50 Farmers Boulevard, 113-52 Farmers Boulevard, 189-35 Murdock Avenue and 189-33 Murdock Avenue, St. Albans, NY 11412. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 10431 and Lots 15, 17, 19 and 21 f/k/a 15 and 19. Approximate amount of judgment is $5,165,713.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #708494/2023.

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Hawks land Dort in three-team trade

By BRYAN FONSECA

The Thunder's cost-cutting measures continue.

This time, Oklahoma City is moving an integral piece of their core, all-world defender Lu Dort, who has been with the organization since signing as an undrafted rookie in 2019.

Dort is being traded from OKC to the Hawks in a three-team deal, per Shams Charania of ESPN.

The deal also will see the Hawks send three second-round picks to the Thunder, as well as sending 2024 No. 1 overall pick Zaccharie Risacher to the Mavericks, who are sending Ryan Nembhard — younger brother of Pacers guard Andrew Nembhard — to Atlanta.

LU DORT

Oklahoma City, which also traded Isaiah Joe to the Pistons and Aaron Wiggins also to the Hawks this summer, ducked under the second apron for this coming season while adding seven second-round picks. This was a goal of theirs entering the offseason, given that Jalen Williams' and Chet Holmgren's salaries were jumping from a combined $20.3 million to $83 million next season.

Dort, whose team option for $18.2 million for the 2026-27 season was accepted by the Thunder earlier this offseason, will effectively be an expiring contract for Atlanta this year, and a productive veteran on a mostly younger team.

On the court, the 27-year-old Dort — who is entering his eighth season — was fourth in Defensive Player of the Year voting in 2024-25 and named to the All-Defensive first team.

Dort won the 2025 title as a starting wing on Oklahoma City, the first since the franchise moved from Seattle following the 2007-08 season. Dort has been a fixture in the Thunder's starting lineup since becoming an undrafted find from the 2019 NBA Draft class, starting 423 of a possible 432 games in his career, along with all 54 of his playoff appearances.

Dort's production has tailed off a bit, dropping to 8.3 points and 3.6 rebounds per contest and 34.4 percent shooting from 3 last season, down from averaging 12.8 points in the five seasons prior — and as many as 17.2 with the rebuilding Thunder in 2021-22.

Atlanta already punting on Risacher is noteworthy, underscoring his underwhelming performance through his first two NBA seasons.

Risacher, who was second in Rookie of the Year voting in 2024-25, dropped from 12.6 points per game that year to 9.6 last season, and stagnated in nearly every other category while struggling to land rotation minutes in Atlanta's six-game playoff loss to the Knicks in Round 1 this past April.

Blue Jays legend Ward dead at 62

By JUSTIN TASCH

Duane Ward, one of the best relief pitchers in Blue Jays history who helped them win back-to-back World Series championships in 1992 and '93, has died, the team said Sunday morning. He was 62.

Ward died of natural causes, the Blue Jays said. He arrived to Toronto on Friday ahead of the unveiling of a Joe Carter statue commemorating the World Series titles. He did not attend Saturday's ceremony.

DUANE WARD

The New Mexico native holds the franchise record for saves in a season with 45 in 1993, when he earned his lone All-Star nod.

"It is with profound sadness that the Toronto Blue Jays mourn the passing of pitcher Duane Ward, one of the most accomplished and beloved relievers in franchise history," the team said in a statement.

During the '92 World Series against the Braves, Ward had two wins and two holds while pitching 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ shutout innings, allowing one hit and one walk with six strikeouts.

He had four saves during the '93 postseason, including two in the World Series against the Phillies. He earned the win in the clinching Game 6 after Carter's iconic three-run, walk-off home run.

After he was drafted No. 9 overall by the Braves in 1982, Atlanta traded Ward to Toronto during his first MLB season in 1986 and he spent the rest of his career with the Blue Jays.

He was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020.

"Duane will be deeply missed by our fans, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family," the Blue Jays said. "Duane will always be a cherished part of the Blue Jays family, and we will forever be grateful for his contributions to our organization and to baseball in Canada."

Ward finished his career with a 3.28 ERA, 121 saves and 679 strikeouts in 462 appearances.

Yonkers Entries

Post time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: 1 Mile $22,000 40000CLM; PACE

1	Rockin Jukebox	(JBongiorno)	6-6-3	3-1
2	Manferno	(BHolland)	5-8-6	7-2
3	Lyrical Genius A	(JBartlett)	3-3-3	5-2
4	Ameritric	(MKakaley)	4-1-1	4-1
5	Intimidation	(VGinsburg)	8-5-4	20-1
6	Imaginary Line	(TButer)	3-1-1	8-1
7	Taste Of Honey	(JStratton)	6-5-2	20-1
8	GdsThunderGb	(ASiegelman)	4-1-4	20-1

SECOND: 1 Mile $20,000 3-6YO30CLM; PACE

1	Rayray	(JMarohn)	3-4-3	12-1
2	Thong Control	(PLachance)	4-1-2	10-1
3	Simply Fast	(CKelly)	1-3-4	2-1
4	Lyons Benjamin	(MKakaley)	6-5-4	6-1
5	Captain Awesome	(JStratton)	2-8-7	20-1
6	Overthinking	(JBartlett)	2-2-5	5-2
7	Ever M	(BHolland)	1-1-1	4-1
8	Paxamillion	(JBongiorno)	1-3-5	8-1

THIRD: 1 Mile $21,000 NW10000L5; PACE

1	Royal Desire	(PLachance)	1-2-3	7-2
2	Force Full A	(BHolland)	1-X-X	6-1
3	Jett Star N	(JMarohn)	6-6-8	10-1
4	HezaCharttopperA	(JBartlett)	2-5-7	6-5
5	Kopi Luwak	(ASiegelman)	6-3-6	12-1
6	SonOfTheSharkA	(JBongiorn)	4-2-8	8-1
7	Itza Dangerzone A	(YGingras)	7-5-4	20-1
8	SweethomealabmN	(JStrttn)	2-5-7	20-1

FOURTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	TackRoomChatter	(MKakley)	5-7-5	8-1
2	Th Colby	(YGingras)	3-2-3	9-2
3	Star Casino N	(CKelly)	6-5-X	20-1
4	Vengeance Bluechip	(TButer)	5-3-6	5-2
5	Speaker Of Peace	(BHolland)	1-6-3	5-1
6	HandsomeStranger	(JBrtlett)	1-5-1	7-2
7	Finvarra A	(JStratton)	2-3-3	8-1
8	VentresmeArdenN	ASegelmn	2-1-3	20-1

FIFTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW16136L5; PACE

1	CollectiveWrksA	(ASegelmn)	8-3-4	20-1
2	Copperfield	(JBongiorno)	8-4-5	7-2
3	Donegal Luther N	(CKelly)	6-3-6	9-2
4	Wish You Well	(JBartlett)	6-3-1	2-1
5	Wattsup Sunshine A	(TButer)	5-1-3	12-1
6	Aye Aye CaptainN	(BHolland)	7-2-5	6-1
7	The Greek Freak	(MKakaley)	3-7-2	20-1
8	Papi's Rocket	(YGingras)	4-2-8	5-1

SIXTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW20000L5; PACE

1	Speculating A	(TButer)	1-5-8	5-1
2	Paris's Dragon	(YGingras)	1-1-3	3-1
3	ImaPerfectChoice	(MKakley)	5-1-2	6-1
4	Bondi LockdownA	(JStratton)	3-2-3	8-1
5	ThenuCameAlongA	(JBrtlett)	2-5-5	7-2
6	Hemsworth N	(ASiegelman)	3-6-3	15-1
7	ChaseHHanover	(JBongiorno)	1-3-1	7-2
8	MyUltimateByronA	(BHollnd)	6-2-1	20-1

SEVENTH: 1 Mile $33,000 NW33876L5; PACE

1	Mac's Delight	(YGingras)	1-1-5	9-5
2	Kwick Sand A	(JStratton)	2-3-2	6-1
3	American Dealer N	(TButer)	1-2-5	7-2
4	BackstreetShadow	(MKkley)	4-4-3	8-1
5	Young Bluey A	(JBartlett)	2-2-4	2-1
6	Jumpingjackmac N	(CKelly)	5-1-7	10-1

EIGHTH: 1 Mile $43,000 3-6 YO OPN; PACE

1	GoGoGrasshopper	(JBongirn)	1-8-6	9-2
2	Captain Moore A	(BHolland)	1-3-3	4-1
3	Verdun	(PLachance)	3-8-2	6-1
4	Sterling Choice	(JBartlett)	4-2-7	7-2
5	Huntinthelastdolar	(TButer)	5-3-1	5-2
6	Gorgeous Big Guy	(YGingras)	2-1-1	8-1
7	Downbythewater	(JStratton)	1-2-1	20-1

NINTH: 1 Mile $43,000 INVITATION; PACE

1	Celtic Spirit N	(JBongiorno)	2-5-1	5-1
2	Pinny Tiger A	(JBartlett)	6-1-4	3-1
3	Soho Firestone A	(JStratton)	3-2-4	8-1
4	Whichwaytothebech	(BHllnd)	5-1-4	7-1
5	Evileye Fleegle	(YGingras)	1-1-1	8-1
6	Mossdale Ben N	(JMarohn)	2-1-2	4-1
7	Sweet Beach Life	(MKakaley)	1-1-1	5-2

TENTH: 1 Mile $15,000 15000CLM; PACE

1	DelightfulTerror	(ASiegelmn)	2-6-6	9-2
2	Sono Confuso	(CKelly)	10-8-6	20-1
3	Letsmakelotsamoney	(TBter)	5-8-3	7-2
4	Gothic Rock	(JBartlett)	7-5-2	9-5
5	Full Support	(BHolland)	4-1-5	4-1
6	SaranacBlueChip	(VGinsbrg)	5-7-1	15-1
7	BlockbusterTrade	(PLchnce)	2-3-8	12-1
8	Dismas	(JMarohn)	3-5-5	12-1

Saratoga Results

FIRST-1 mile 1 fur; $43,000; clm($20,000); 3up

6	Sturdy (Franco)	6.56	4.02	3.26
4	Amercan Grant (SntnJr.)		8.86	5.02
3	McDiesel (Zayas)			3.52

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SECOND-5½ fur; $56,000; mdn clm($50,000); 3up (f&m)

2	Emrgncy Nn (SntnJr.)	8.30	3.98	3.20
12	Waitin'onapromse (Ortz)		3.76	3.14
4	Froghollowsummer (Silvera)			12.96

Scr: Garden of Grace, Mischievous Jo, Avery's Wonderland, Stella Fortuna

● $1 Daily Double (6-2) $15.89 ● $1 Exacta (2-12) $16.76 ● $1 Quinella (2-12) $7.83 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-12-4-5) $186.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-12-4) $242.83 ● $1 Daily Double (6-2) $15.89 ● $1 Exacta (2-12) $16.76 ● $1 Quinella (2-12) $7.83 ● $0.1 Show (2-12-4-5) $186.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-12-4) $242.83

THIRD-1 mile; $41,000; mdn clm($20,000); 3up

7	Bg Brooklyn (Dvs)	48.32	13.50	6.60
8	Sfumato (Alvarado)		3.82	2.74
5	Mr R T (Prat)			3.42

Scr: Trail Blaze

● $1 Pick 3 (6-2-7) $1380.93 ● $1 Daily Double (2-7) $212.33 ● $1 Exacta (7-8) $185.90 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-8-5-1) $122.42 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-8-5) $314.80 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-2-7) $1380.93 ● $1 Daily Double (2-7) $212.33 ● $1 Exacta (7-8) $185.90 ● $0.1 Show (7-8-5-1) $122.42 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-8-5) $314.80

FOURTH-1 mile; $78,000; soc($75,000); 3YO F

4	Killa Sally (Ortiz)	8.52	5.24	3.60
1	Celestial Body (Saez)		18.04	9.40
5	Hot Gossip (Franco)			5.04

● $1 Pick 3 (2-7-4) $2106.35 ● $1 Daily Double (7-4) $204.62 ● $1 Exacta (4-1) $72.85 ● $1 Quinella (1-4) $40.28 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-1-5-2) $161.76 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-1-5) $205.97 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-7-4) $2106.35 ● $1 Daily Double (7-4) $204.62 ● $1 Exacta (4-1) $72.85 ● $1 Quinella (1-4) $40.28 ● $0.1 Show (4-1-5-2) $161.76 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-1-5) $205.97

FIFTH-1 1/16 mile; $100,000; mdn spl wt; 3up (f&m)

1	Fctory Settng (Prt)	5.70	3.52	2.90
3	Amazing Gracer (Franco)		3.88	3.56
10	Ganderella (Zayas)			15.80

Scr: Suited Connectors, Promise Me Amelody

● $1 Pick 3 (7-4-1) $709.07 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-7-4-1/13/14) $4378.00 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (6-2-7-4-1/13/14) $21685.68 ● $1 Daily Double (4-1) $14.18 ● $1 Exacta (1-3) $9.54 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-3-10-5) $510.16 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-10) $148.20 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-4-1) $709.07 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-7-4-1/13/14) $4378.00 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (6-2-7-4-1/13/14) $21685.68 ● $1 Daily Double (4-1) $14.18 ● $1 Exacta (1-3) $9.54 ● $0.1 Show (1-3-10-5) $510.16 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-10) $148.20

SIXTH-5½ fur; $90,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO

6	Braums Run (Dvs)	8.72	4.40	3.28
8	Tonja's Treasure (Prat)		6.88	5.32
10	Covered Option (Saez)			11.14

Scr: Knee High, Hurricane Mo, Nodin, Blackjack

● $1 Pick 3 (4-1-6) $64.49 ● $1 Daily Double (1-6) $14.49 ● $1 Exacta (6-8) $30.36 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-8-10-1) $264.88 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-8-10) $178.11 ● $1 Pick 3 (4-1-6) $64.49 ● $1 Daily Double (1-6) $14.49 ● $1 Exacta (6-8) $30.36 ● $0.1 Show (6-8-10-1) $264.88 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-8-10) $178.11

SEVENTH-1 mile 3 fur; $125,000; alc opt cl($80,000); 3up (f&m)

1	Silvology (Davis)	13.68	5.28	3.62
7	Vronti (GB) (Ortiz,Jr.)		3.72	2.90
5	Snipsnippitysnip (Gaffalione)			5.26

Scr: Domino Vitali, Concurrently

● $1 Pick 3 (1-6-1) $115.11 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (4-1/13/14-6-1) $221.53 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (7-4-1/13/14-6-1) $25739.47 ● $1 Daily Double (6-1) $21.91 ● $1 Exacta (1-7) $24.46 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-7-5-3) $67.79 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-7-5) $101.89 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-6-1) $115.11 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (4-1/13/14-6-1) $221.53 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (7-4-1/13/14-6-1) $25739.47 ● $1 Daily Double (6-1) $21.91 ● $1 Exacta (1-7) $24.46 ● $0.1 Show (1-7-5-3) $67.79 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-7-5) $101.89

EIGHTH-1 mile; $120,000; alc; 3up

1	Grg Mgc (Rdrguz)	13.28	4.44	2.94
4	Iron Dome (Saez)		3.42	2.34
6	Freddie B (Elliott)			4.08

Scr: Envision

● $1 Pick 3 (6-1-1) $122.79 ● $1 Daily Double (1-1) $35.51 ● $1 Exacta (1-4) $15.15 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-4-6-2) $16.81 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-4-6) $47.51 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-1-1) $122.79 ● $1 Daily Double (1-1) $35.51 ● $1 Exacta (1-4) $15.15 ● $0.1 Show (1-4-6-2) $16.81 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-4-6) $47.51

NINTH-5½ fur; $225,000; stk; 3YO

2	Lrntdscvr (GB) (Gffln)	49.96	20.20	12.52
3	Throckmorton (Saez)		8.26	5.48
5	Monster (Zayas)			12.96

Scr: Oscar's Hope, Cy Fair

● $1 Grand Slam (6/8/10-1/5/7/9/10-1/4/6-2) $254.96 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-1-2) $1174.70 ● $1 Daily Double (1-2) $156.18 ● $1 Exacta (2-3) $175.57 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-3-5-9) $2806.48 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-3-5) $881.61 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-1-2) $1174.70 ● $1 Daily Double (1-2) $156.18 ● $1 Exacta (2-3) $175.57 ● $0.1 Show (2-3-5-9) $2806.48 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-3-5) $881.61 ● $1 Place Pick 9 (6/8/10-1/5/7/9/10-1/4/6-2) $254.96

TENTH-1 1/16 mile; $55,000; clm($35,000); 3up (f&m)

2	Roagna (Zayas)	10.70	5.70	3.30
3	Mermaid (Santana,Jr.)		5.90	3.84
10	Greyjoy (Davis)			4.74

Scr: Here'syourtrouble, So Vain, Tahila, Bossy Dish

● $1 Pick 6 (1/13/14-6-1-1-2-2) $634.73 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-2-2) $1014.29 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-1-2-2) $2918.34 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (6-1-1-2-2) $16422.03 ● $1 Daily Double (2-2) $139.49 ● $1 Exacta (2-3) $29.27 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-3-10-5) $50.67 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-3-10) $88.07 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-2-2) $1014.29 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-1-2-2) $2918.34 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (6-1-1-2-2) $16422.03 ● $1 Pick 6 (1/13/14-6-1-1-2-2) $634.73 ● $1 Daily Double (2-2) $139.49 ● $1 Exacta (2-3) $29.27 ● $0.1 Show (2-3-10-5) $50.67 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-3-10) $88.07

Tennis

ATP World Tour Swiss Open

At Roy Emerson Arena; Gstaad, Switzerland; Purse: Euro612,620; Surface: Red clay; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Championship

Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, def. Raphael Collignon (7), Belgium, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3.

Men's Doubles - Championship

Lucas Miedler, Austria, and Marc Polmans (1), Australia, def. Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, and Robert Galloway, United States, 6-3, 6-4.

ATP World Tour Nordea Open

At Bastad Tennis Stadium; Bastad, Sweden; Purse: Euro612,620; Surface: Red clay Sunday (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Championship

Andrey Rublev (1), Russia, def. Luciano Darderi (2), Italy, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's Doubles - Championship

Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia (2), France, def. Francisco Cabral, Portugal, and Theo Arribage (1), France, 6-3, 6-4.

PGA Tour Schedule

March 5-8 — Puerto Rico Open (Ricky Castillo)
March 12-15 — THE PLAYERS Championship (Cameron Young)
March 19-22 — Valspar Championship (Matt Fitzpatrick)
March 26-29 — Texas Children's Houston Open (Gary Woodland)
April 2-5 — Valero Texas Open (J.J. Spaun)
April 9-12 — Masters Tournament (Rory McIlroy)
April 16-19 — RBC Heritage (Matt Fitzpatrick)
April 23-26 — Zurich Classic of New Orleans (A.Fitzpatrick/M.Fitzpatrick)
April 30-May 3 — Cadillac Championship (Cameron Young)
May 7-10 — Truist Championship (Kristoffer Reitan)
May 7-10 — ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic (Brandt Snedeker)
May 14-17 — PGA Championship (Aaron Rai)
May 21-24 — THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (Wyndham Clark)
May 28-31 — Charles Schwab Challenge (Russell Henley)
June 4-7 — the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (J.T. Poston)
June 11-14 — RBC Canadian Open (Bud Cauley)
June 18-21 — U.S. Open (Wyndham Clark)
June 25-29 — Travelers Championship (Viktor Hovland)
July 2-5 — John Deere Classic (Chris Gotterup)
July 9-12 — Genesis Scottish Open (Tom Kim)
July 9-12 — ISCO Championship (Steven Fisk)
July 16-19 — The Open Championship, Southport, United Kingdom (Ryan Fox)
July 16-19 — Corales Puntacana Championship, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (Stefano Mazzoli)
July 23-26 — 3M Open, Blaine, Minn.
July 30-Aug. 2 — Rocket Classic, Detroit
Aug. 6-9 — Wyndham Championship, Greensboro, N.C.
Aug. 13-16 — FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 20-23 — BMW Championship, Saint Louis, Mo.
Aug. 27-30 — TOUR Championship, Atlanta
Sept. 17-20 — Biltmore Championship Asheville, Arden, N.C.
Sept. 24-27 — Presidents Cup, Medinah, Ill.
Oct. 1-4 — Bank of Utah Championship, Ivins, Utah
Oct. 8-11 — Baycurrent Classic, Kanagawa, Japan
Oct. 22-25 — Butterfield Bermuda Championship, Southampton, Bermuda
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — VidantaWorld Mexico Open, Vallarta, Mexico
Nov. 5-8 — World Wide Technology Championship, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Nov. 12-15 — Good Good Championship, Austin, Texas

Golf

PGA/DP - The Open Championship

At Royal Birkdale; Southport, United Kingdom; Purse: $17.8 million; Yardage: 7,223; Par: 70

Final Round

Ryan Fox, $3,200,000	72-68-62-68	270	-10
Cameron Young, $1,842,000	67-67-73-64	271	-9
Sam Burns, $1,181,000	73-62-65-72	272	-8
Tommy Fleetwood, $827,500	69-67-69-68	273	-7
Scottie Scheffler,$827,500	68-68-70-67	273	-7
Si Woo Kim, $550,883	68-67-67-72	274	-6
Lucas Herbert, $550,883	70-62-71-71	274	-6
Casey Jarvis, $550,883	73-67-68-66	274	-6
Ludvig Aberg, $336,380	71-66-67-71	275	-5
Ryan Gerard, $336,380	67-67-69-72	275	-5
Russell Henley, $336,380	70-71-68-66	275	-5
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen, $336,380	72-66-67-70	275	-5
Adam Scott, $336,380	72-66-71-66	275	-5
Corey Conners, $234,325	71-67-71-67	276	-4
Sungjae Im, $234,325	66-72-69-69	276	-4
Hideki Matsuyama, $234,325	72-67-67-70	276	-4
Bryson DeChambeau, $234,325	67-68-69-72	276	-4
Daniel Brown, $164,975	66-71-69-71	277	-3
Bud Cauley, $164,975	68-68-73-68	277	-3
Rickie Fowler, $164,975	71-69-71-66	277	-3
Chris Gotterup, $164,975	70-68-72-67	277	-3
Collin Morikawa, $164,975	68-70-70-69	277	-3
Alex Noren, $164,975	71-69-69-68	277	-3
Marco Penge, $164,975	72-68-69-68	277	-3
Kristoffer Reitan, $164,975	69-71-68-69	277	-3
Xander Schauffele, $164,975	71-69-66-71	277	-3
Jordan L. Smith, $164,975	68-70-70-69	277	-3
Jacob Bridgeman, $102,317	70-69-68-71	278	-2
Patrick Cantlay, $102,317	71-68-71-68	278	-2
Pierceson Coody, $102,317	67-70-72-69	278	-2
Max Homa, $102,317	71-69-67-71	278	-2
Brooks Koepka, $102,317	70-71-69-68	278	-2
Shane Lowry, $102,317	69-68-69-72	278	-2
Robert MacIntyre, $102,317	67-69-71-71	278	-2
John Parry, $102,317	71-68-73-66	278	-2
Jackson Suber, $102,317	65-69-70-74	278	-2
Cameron John, $102,317	70-67-69-72	278	-2
Kazuma Kobori, $102,317	70-69-67-72	278	-2
Victor Perez, $102,317	68-69-73-68	278	-2
Kurt Kitayama, $69,750	69-71-70-69	279	-1
Rory McIlroy, $69,750	72-67-69-71	279	-1
J.J. Spaun, $69,750	70-67-73-69	279	-1
Michael Thorbjornsen, $69,750	70-68-71-70	279	-1
Matt Wallace, $69,750	69-67-72-71	279	-1
Thomas Detry, $69,750	67-69-74-69	279	-1
Francesco Molinari, $51,707	67-69-72-72	280	E
Josele Ballester, $51,707	71-70-66-73	280	E
Hennie Du Plessis, $51,707	70-69-69-72	280	E
Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra, $51,707	70-70-71-69	280	E
Jon Rahm, $51,707	69-67-70-74	280	E
Patrick Reed, $51,707	72-66-71-71	280	E
Matthew Southgate, $51,707	69-69-76-66	280	E
Michael Brennan, $45,183	72-68-70-71	281	+1
Eric Cole, $45,183	76-64-66-75	281	+1
Ryo Hisatsune, $45,183	68-73-71-69	281	+1
Alex Smalley, $45,183	67-73-67-74	281	+1
Sahith Theegala, $45,183	71-69-68-73	281	+1
Shaun Norris, $45,183	69-70-70-72	281	+1
Ben Griffin, $43,025	69-70-74-69	282	+2
John Keefer, $43,025	70-68-71-73	282	+2
Min Woo Lee, $43,025	70-71-71-70	282	+2
Aldrich Potgieter, $43,025	69-72-71-70	282	+2
Nick Taylor, $43,025	68-71-72-71	282	+2
Naoyuki Kataoka, $43,025	73-68-70-71	282	+2
Justin Thomas, $41,988	70-69-68-76	283	+3
Peter Uihlein, $41,988	73-68-72-70	283	+3
Nicolas Echavarria, $41,350	71-67-69-77	284	+4
Sepp Straka, $41,350	68-70-74-72	284	+4
Tyrrell Hatton, $40,800	69-68-74-74	285	+5
Andy Sullivan, $40,800	70-69-73-73	285	+5
Alex Fitzpatrick, $40,450	69-67-73-77	286	+6
Laurie Canter, $40,450	69-71-74-72	286	+6
MJ Daffue, $40,450	67-72-72-75	286	+6
Keegan Bradley, $40,075	69-72-74-72	287	+7
Kazuki Higa, $40,075	73-68-72-74	287	+7
Marcus Plunkett, $40,075	70-71-71-75	287	+7

PGA/DP Corales Puntacana Championship

At Corales Golf Club; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Purse: $4 million; Yardage: 7,670; Par: 72

Final Round

Stefano Mazzoli, $720,000	67-69-66-66	268	-20
Gordon Sargent, $356,000	66-67-69-67	269	-19
Todd Clements, $356,000	65-66-67-71	269	-19
Will Gordon, $180,000	69-70-65-66	270	-18
Benjamin James, $180,000	67-66-67-70	270	-18
Joe Highsmith, $135,000	68-67-68-68	271	-17
Jacob Skov Olesen, $135,000	67-69-67-68	271	-17
Marcel Schneider, $135,000	70-66-67-68	271	-17
Zachary Bauchou, $113,000	71-67-68-66	272	-16
Thomas Rosenmueller, $113,000	70-66-68-68	272	-16

Auto Racing

NASCAR Cup Series Window World 450

At North Wilkesboro Speedway; North Wilkesboro, N.C.; Lap length: 0.62 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (11) Joey Logano, Ford, 450 laps, 73 pts.
2. (7) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 450, 51.
3. (30) Chase Briscoe, Toyota, 450, 45.
4. (2) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 450, 43.
5. (8) Shane Van Gisbergen, Chevrolet, 450, 47.
6. (26) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 450, 38.
7. (23) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 449, 34.
8. (18) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 449, 31.
9. (17) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 449, 29.
10. (21) Ryan Preece, Ford, 449, 27.
11. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 448, 29.
12. (15) William Byron, Chevrolet, 448, 26.
13. (4) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 448, 35.
14. (14) Austin Cindric, Ford, 448, 25.
15. (27) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 448, 22.
16. (22) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 448, 21.
17. (10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 447, 24.
18. (34) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 447, 19.
19. (3) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 447, 23.
20. (9) Chris Buescher, Ford, 447, 17.
21. (6) Erik Jones, Toyota, 447, 16.
22. (29) Zane Smith, Ford, 447, 15.
23. (12) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 446, 14.
24. (16) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 446, 13.
25. (31) Noah Gragson, Ford, 446, 12.
26. (25) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 446, 11.
27. (13) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 446, 10.
28. (20) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 446, 9.
29. (36) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 446, 8.
30. (5) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 445, 7.
31. (19) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 445, 6.
32. (32) Connor Zilisch, Chevrolet, 443, 5.
33. (33) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 442, 0.
34. (24) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 442, 3.
35. (37) Chad Finchum, Ford, reargear, 303, 0.
36. (28) Josh Berry, Ford, accident, 199, 1.
37. (35) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, suspension, 190, 1.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 98.738 mph.

Time of Race: 3 hours, 10 minutes, 54 seconds.

Margin of Victory: .859 seconds.

Caution Flags: 5 for 43 laps.

Lead Changes: 17 among 9 drivers.

F1 Belgian Grand Prix

At Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps; Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium.; Lap length: 7.00 kilometers

(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Andrea Kimi Antonelli, Italy, Mercedes, 44 laps, 1:24:42.479, 25 pts.
2. (4) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 44, +1.952 seconds, 18.
3. (2) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 44, +11.586, 15.
4. (5) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Ferrari, 44, +17.245, 12.
5. (6) Oscar Piastri, Australia, McLaren, 44, +18.988, 10.
6. (21) Isack Hadjar, France, Red Bull Racing, 44, +23.307, 8.
7. (13) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 44, +24.014, 6.
8. (8) Gabriel Bortoleto, Brazil, Audi F1 Team, 44, +49.140, 4.
9. (7) Arvid Lindblad, Great Britain, Racing Bulls, 44, +50.406, 2.
10. (11) Franco Colapinto, Argentina, Alpine, 44, +1:16.037, 1.
11. (10) Pierre Gasly, France, Alpine, 44, +1:16.991.
12. (9) Liam Lawson, New Zealand, Racing Bulls, 44, +1:17.523.
13. (12) Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Audi F1 Team, 44, +1:18.348.
14. (14) Oliver Bearman, England, Haas, 44, +1:34.465.
15. (15) Alexander Albon, Thailand, Williams, 44, +1:44.684.
16. (19) Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, Williams, 44, +1:45.856.
17. (16) Esteban Ocon, France, Haas, 44, +1:50.925.
18. (17) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Cadillac, 43, 1L.
19. (22) Fernando Alonso, Spain, Aston Martin, 42, 2L.
20. (20) Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, did not finish, 25.
21. (18) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Cadillac, did not finish, 13.
22. (3) George Russell, Great Britain, Mercedes, did not finish, 0.

Driver Standings

1. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, Italy, Mercedes, 204 points.
2. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Ferrari, 159.
3. George Russell, Great Britain, Mercedes, 154.
4. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 126.
5. Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 103.
6. Oscar Piastri, Australia, McLaren, 92.
7. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 91.
8. Isack Hadjar, France, Red Bull Racing, 60.
9. Pierre Gasly, France, Alpine, 42.
10. Liam Lawson, New Zealand, Racing Bulls, 39.

Transactions

Sunday's Transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

American League

Baltimore Orioles: Transferred RHP Ryan Helsley from the 15-day IL to the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of C Sam Huff from Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Cam Sanders to Norfolk (IL).

Cleveland Guardians: Optioned LHP Logan Allen to Columbus (IL).

Houston Astros: Designated RHP Nate Pearson for assignment. Recalled 2B Raynel Delgado from Sugar Land (PCL).

Kansas City Royals: Placed RHP Stephen Kolek on the 15-day IL.

Minnesota Twins: Sent LHP Connor Prielipp on a rehab assignment to St. Paul (IL).

National League

Atlanta Braves: Activated RHP Elieser Hernández. Selected the contract of RHP Elieser Hernández from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned RHP Owen Murphy to Gwinnett.

Miami Marlins: Recalled 3B Graham Pauley from Jacksonville (IL). Optioned RF Rece Hinds to Jacksonville (IL).

Milwaukee Brewers: Sent LHP DL Hall on a rehab assignment to Wisconsin.

New York Mets: Sent RHP Dedniel Núñez on a rehab assignment to Syracuse (IL).

Pittsburgh Pirates: Optioned RHP Khristian Curtis to Indianapolis (IL).

San Diego Padres: Reinstated RHP Randy Vásquez from the 15-day IL. Reinstated LHP Wandy Peralta from the bereavement list. Designated RHP Ron Marinaccio for assignment. Optioned RHP Jhony Brito to El Paso (PCL).

Washington Nationals: Sent RHPs Jake Irvin and Trevor Williams on rehab assignments to Harrisburg and Wilmington.

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	56	42	.571	—	—	4-6	L-5	35-15	21-27
Yankees	55	44	.556	1½	+4½	6-4	W-1	24-22	31-22
Boston	50	48	.510	6	—	10-0	W-13	21-27	29-21
Baltimore	49	51	.490	8	2	7-3	W-7	28-25	21-26
Toronto	46	53	.465	10½	4½	4-6	L-1	25-27	21-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	52	46	.531	—	—	6-4	W-1	31-17	21-29
Cleveland	52	48	.520	1	+1	5-5	L-1	25-24	27-24
Minnesota	49	51	.490	4	2	6-4	L-2	26-25	23-26
Detroit	46	53	.465	6½	4½	7-3	L-1	27-23	19-30
Kansas City	40	60	.400	13	11	4-6	L-1	23-27	17-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	50	49	.505	—	—	5-5	L-1	24-22	26-27
Seattle	50	50	.500	½	1	4-6	W-2	29-21	21-29
Houston	47	54	.465	4	4½	3-7	L-4	23-27	24-27
Athletics	42	57	.424	8	8½	1-9	L-1	20-30	22-27
Los Angeles	39	61	.390	11½	12	3-7	W-1	22-27	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

L.A. Dodgers 8, **Yankees** 2, 1st gm.
Yankees 2, L.A. Dodgers 1, 2nd gm.
White Sox 3, Toronto 0
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 1
Pittsburgh 7, Cleveland 1
Atlanta 8, Texas 5
Cubs 10, Minnesota 1
San Diego 19, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 5, Houston 2
Seattle 6, San Francisco 3
Washington 5, Athletics 2
L.A. Angels 3, Detroit 2

Monday

Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, 7:05
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:40
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10
San Francisco at Kansas City, 7:40
White Sox at Texas, 8:05
Detroit at Cubs, 8:05
Miami at Houston, 8:10
Athletics at Arizona, 9:40
Cincinnati at Seattle, 9:40
St. Louis at L.A. Angels, 10:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	57	41	.582	—	—	5-5	W-1	29-19	28-22
Philadelphia	55	45	.550	3	+3	5-5	L-1	26-23	29-22
Miami	52	48	.520	6	—	4-6	L-6	31-20	21-28
Washington	50	50	.500	8	2	4-6	W-1	20-31	30-19
Mets	42	58	.420	16	10	5-5	W-1	21-28	21-30

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	62	37	.626	—	—	6-4	W-3	32-18	30-19
Chicago	56	43	.566	6	+4½	7-3	W-2	29-20	27-23
Pittsburgh	52	48	.520	10½	—	7-3	W-1	27-24	25-24
St. Louis	51	47	.520	10½	—	4-6	L-2	26-26	25-21
Cincinnati	45	53	.459	16½	6	5-5	W-1	22-28	23-25

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	63	37	.630	—	—	4-6	L-1	31-19	32-18
Arizona	51	48	.515	11½	½	7-3	W-2	29-21	22-27
San Diego	49	50	.495	13½	2½	5-5	W-1	27-24	22-26
San Francisco	42	57	.424	20½	9½	5-5	L-2	22-25	20-32
Colorado	40	61	.396	23½	12½	3-7	L-1	23-27	17-34

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday

L.A. Dodgers 8, **Yankees** 2, 1st gm.
Mets 6, Philadelphia 1
Yankees 2, L.A. Dodgers 1, 2nd gm.
Pittsburgh 7, Cleveland 1
Atlanta 8, Texas 5
Milwaukee 3, Miami 1
Cubs 10, Minnesota 1
San Diego 19, Kansas City 2
Cincinnati 9, Colorado 6
Seattle 6, San Francisco 3
Washington 5, Athletics 2
Arizona 8, St. Louis 7, 10 inn.

Monday

Pittsburgh at **Yankees**, 7:05
Mets at Milwaukee, 7:40
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:10
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:15
San Francisco at Kansas City, 7:40
Detroit at Cubs, 8:05
Miami at Houston, 8:10
Washington at Colorado, 8:40
Athletics at Arizona, 9:40
Cincinnati at Seattle, 9:40
St. Louis at L.A. Angels, 10:10

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Solution to Very Easy #7,345

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Solution to Difficult #7,135

Dodgers 8, Yankees 2, 1st Gm.

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	5	1	2	2	0	1	.291
Pages cf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.269
Freeman 1b	4	0	1	2	0	2	.287
Betts ss	3	0	0	0	2	2	.230
Muncy 3b	4	1	2	0	1	0	.263
Tucker rf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.243
Hernández lf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.245
Call lf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.250
Rushing c	2	1	0	0	3	2	.247
Edman 2b	4	3	2	2	0	1	.351
Totals	35	8	10	8	7	13	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.234
Rice 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Domínguez dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Bellinger lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.251
Schuemann rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Chisholm 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.224
Volpe ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.248
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Sánchez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Totals	30	2	4	2	0	7	

Los Angeles	002 010 050 —	8	10	0
Yankees	000 100 010 —	2	4	0

LOB: Los Angeles 10, New York 1. **2B:** Muncy (15), Ohtani (17), Pages (22), Hernández (9), Rice (17), Chisholm (13). **HR:** Grisham (11), off Yamamoto. **RBIs:** Ohtani 2 (60), Freeman 2 (51), Pages (67), Hernández (37), Edman 2 (13), Grisham (41), Volpe (14). **SF:** Freeman. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 4 (Hernández, Muncy 3); New York 1 (Schuemann). **RISP:** Los Angeles 5 for 12; New York 1 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Ohtani, Freeman, Edman. **GIDP:** McMahon. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Freeman, Betts, Freeman).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yamamoto, W, 10-6	9.0	4	2	2	0	7	102	2.78

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schlittler, L, 9-6	4.1	6	3	3	0	8	98	2.20
Hill	1.1	0	0	0	2	1	23	4.34
Chivilli	1.1	0	0	0	0	3	20	1.00
Bird	0.1	4	5	5	2	1	34	5.93
Doval	1.2	0	0	0	3	0	31	4.86

T: 3:00. **A:** 43,305 (47,309).

Reds 9, Rockies 6

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	4	2	1	0	1	0	.282
Stewart 1b	5	1	1	3	0	1	.253
Arroyo 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Bleday rf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.243
Steer 2b-1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Lowe dh	5	1	1	3	0	2	.249
Suárez 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.210
Hayes 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.138
Stephenson c	4	2	3	3	0	0	.247
Friedl lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.175
Myers cf	2	1	2	0	2	0	.260
Totals	36	9	10	9	5	6	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.302
Moniak lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.276
Goodman c	4	3	3	5	0	1	.257
Rumfield 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.299
Castro ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.263
Karros 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.259
Johnston dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.296
Freeman rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.256
Julien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Totals	36	6	8	6	0	9	

Cincinnati	530 010 000 —	9	10	1
Colorado	100 002 021 —	6	8	0

E: De La Cruz (8). **LOB:** Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3. **2B:** Myers (7), Stephenson (11). **HR:** Lowe (11), off Feltner; Stephenson (7), off Feltner; Stewart (20), off Feltner; Stephenson (8), off Gordon; Goodman 2 (29), off Greene; Goodman (30), off Moll; Castro (9), off Pagán. **RBIs:** Lowe 3 (30), Stephenson 3 (27), Stewart 3 (70), Goodman 5 (56), Castro (40). **SB:** Bleday (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 3 (Suárez, Friedl, Stewart); Colorado 1 (Julien). **RISP:** Cincinnati 2 for 9; Colorado 0 for 1. LI**DP:** De La Cruz. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Rumfield).

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Greene, W, 2-1	6.0	4	3	3	0	7	94	6.06
Burke	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.89
Moll	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	17	4.43
Pagán	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	22	6.23

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Feltner, L, 3-4	2.1	7	8	8	4	3	71	5.48
Gordon	5.2	3	1	1	1	2	66	5.95
Romano	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	7.11

T: 2:40. **A:** 20,158 (50,144).

Yankees 2, Dodgers 1, 2nd Gm.

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.290
Pages cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.266
Freeman 1b	2	0	0	0	2	1	.285
Freeland pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Betts ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Rojas 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.293
Edman ph-2b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.355
Hernández lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Muncy 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.262
Alfonzo c	2	0	1	0	0	1	.091
Rushing ph-c	0	0	0	0	1	0	.247
Totals	29	1	4	1	4	8	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Rice dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.259
Bellinger lf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.255
Domínguez rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.229
Chisholm 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.224
Volpe ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	.245
McMahon ph-3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.216
Wells c	2	0	0	0	2	0	.152
Caballero 3b-ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.244
Totals	32	2	8	2	5	9	

Los Angeles	000 000 010 —	1	4	0
Yankees	100 000 01x —	2	8	0

LOB: Los Angeles 5, New York 11. **2B:** Goldschmidt (10), McMahon (9). **HR:** Edman (2), off Cruz; Chisholm (14), off Phillips. **RBIs:** Edman (14), Bellinger (52), Chisholm (38). **SB:** Caballero (23). **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 2 (Pages 2); New York 6 (Grisham 3, Volpe 2, Chisholm). **RISP:** Los Angeles 0 for 3; New York 2 for 10. **DP:** New York 2 (Chisholm, Volpe, Goldschmidt; Volpe, Chisholm, Goldschmidt).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Klein	1.0	3	1	1	0	1	24	2.58
Hurt	2.0	0	0	0	2	1	29	4.59
Henriquez	0.2	0	0	0	2	1	21	2.25
Dreyer	0.1	3	0	0	0	0	17	2.90
Stewart	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	22	2.31
Vesia	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	10	2.14
Phillips, L, 0-1	1.0	2	1	1	1	1	24	6.75

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yarbrough	2.2	2	0	0	0	1	36	3.86
Blackburn	2.1	1	0	0	1	1	25	2.08
Headrick, H, 11	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	22	1.46
Cruz, BS, 1-4	0.1	1	1	1	2	1	16	2.40
Bednar, W, 4-3	1.2	0	0	0	1	2	32	2.59

T: 2:51. **A:** 43,378 (47,309).

Orioles 5, Astros 2

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.220
Ward dh	2	1	0	0	2	0	.251
Beavers lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.245
Alonso 1b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.246
Basallo c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Huff c	3	0	0	0	1	3	.154
Taveras rf	4	0	1	2	1	2	.239
Cowser cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.209
Mayo 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.198
Holliday 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.206
Totals	31	5	6	4	7	10	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve dh	4	2	2	1	0	1	.235
Alvarez lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.319
Paredes 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.257
Wade 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.205
Diaz c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Spence cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.273
Smith rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Delgado 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.273
Dezenzo ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Allen ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Totals	34	2	7	2	1	8	

Baltimore	002 021 000 —	5	6	2
Houston	001 000 010 —	2	7	1

E: Cowser (2), Garcia (1), Diaz (2). **LOB:** Baltimore 10, Houston 6. **2B:** Beavers (11), Altuve (14), Alvarez (20). **HR:** Mayo (13), off King; Altuve (12), off Garcia. **RBIs:** Henderson (44), Taveras 2 (37), Mayo (35), Alvarez (73), Altuve (28). **SB:** Beavers (4), Alonso (4), Henderson (8). **CS:** Beavers (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 6 (Taveras, Huff, Holliday, Cowser, Alonso 2); Houston 3 (Wade, Delgado, Diaz). **RISP:** Baltimore 2 for 10; Houston 1 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Beavers, Alonso. **GIDP:** Holliday. **DP:** Houston 1 (Allen, Wade).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Young, W, 8-2	7.0	5	1	1	1	7	95	3.25
Garcia	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	17	2.72
Wolfram, S, 1-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4.55

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown, L, 1-1	4.2	3	4	4	6	4	92	4.05
King	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	14	3.40
Teng	2.1	1	0	0	1	3	46	4.21
Javier	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	20	9.37

T: 2:58. **A:** 28,936 (41,000).

Mets 6, Phillies 1

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing cf	6	0	2	0	0	2	.276
Soto dh	5	1	2	1	1	0	.290
Bichette 3b	5	1	2	0	1	1	.253
Lindor ss	3	1	3	3	2	0	.220
Benge lf-rf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.260
Young 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Taylor ph-lf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.230
Semien 2b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.207
Baty rf-1b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.224
Torrens c	4	2	2	1	1	0	.223
Totals	40	6	14	6	7	8	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	3	0	1	0	1	2	.242
Schwarber dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.253
Harper 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.258
Marsh lf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.293
Bohm 3b	4	1	2	1	0	2	.219
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.248
Realmuto c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.214
Rincones rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Sosa ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Crawford cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.256
Totals	31	1	6	1	3	14	

Mets	230 001 000 —	6	14	0
Philadelphia	000 000 100 —	1	6	0

LOB: New York 15, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Torrens (11), Taylor (7), Lindor (4), Turner (17). **HR:** Lindor (6), off Rangel; Bohm (12), off Minter. **RBIs:** Lindor 3 (15), Torrens (19), Benge (38), Soto (52), Bohm (49). **CS:** Taylor (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 9 (Soto, Baty 2, Taylor 2, Benge, Semien, Young 2); Philadelphia 2 (Realmuto, Harper). **RISP:** New York 3 for 15; Philadelphia 0 for 6. **DP:** New York 2 (Lindor, Semien, Young; Bichette, Semien, Baty).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McLean, W, 7-6	6.0	2	0	0	2	10	93	3.34
Minter	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	14	1.80
Brazobán	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	22	2.64
Pérez	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	18	5.59

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rangel, L, 0-3	4.0	7	5	5	3	4	91	5.40
Mayza	1.0	4	1	1	0	1	22	3.71
Lazar	1.2	1	0	0	2	1	42	5.62
Johnson	1.1	1	0	0	2	2	31	6.14
Duran	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	22	1.34

T: 3:06. **A:** 40,132 (42,901).

Padres 19, Royals 2

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	5	3	2	4	0	0	.284
Fermin c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.154
Merrill cf	6	2	4	4	0	2	.221
Machado 3b	2	1	0	1	2	0	.198
Vásquez p-p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Peralta p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
France 1b-3b	6	2	2	5	0	0	.275
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	.223
Sheets lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.218
Andujar dh-3b-1b	4	1	0	0	1	0	.259
Rengifo 2b	5	3	3	0	1	1	.214
Bowen lf-rf	5	2	2	2	0	1	.149
Campusano c	2	1	1	1	1	0	.297
Song ph-ss	3	2	3	2	0	0	.239
Totals	46	19	19	19	6	4	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.246
Massey 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Loftin 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Caglianone rf	4	2	2	1	0	0	.263
Thomas cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Collins lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.240
Perez 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.212
Rojas 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.231
Tolbert ss-p	4	0	0	0	0	0	.345
Maile c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Totals	35	2	8	2	2	7	

San Diego	042 101 056 —	19	19	1
Kansas City	101 000 000 —	2	8	1

E: Machado (3), Tolbert (1). **LOB:** San Diego 9, Kansas City 8. **2B:** Bogaerts (8), Bowen (2), Song (4), Caglianone (17), Collins (17), Jensen (22). **HR:** Merrill (11), off Cameron; Tatis (7), off Strahm; France (13), off Erceg; Merrill (12), off Tolbert; France (14), off Tolbert; Caglianone (16), off Márquez. **RBIs:** Tatis 4 (41), Merrill 4 (42), Machado (56), Bowen 2 (3), Campusano (12), France 5 (39), Song 2 (15), Caglianone (37), Collins (31). **SB:** Thomas (5), Tatis (25), Merrill (20). **CS:** Tatis (9). **SF:** Machado. **RISP:** San Diego 8 for 18; Kansas City 1 for 10. San Diego 2 (Machado, Rengifo, France; Machado, Rengifo, France).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Márquez	3.0	5	2	2	2	2	59	5.24
Matsui, W, 1-1	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	19	2.57
Vásquez, H, 1	3.0	3	0	0	0	2	32	4.55
Peralta	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.19

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cameron, L, 5-8	5.0	9	7	7	2	1	90	5.27
Strahm	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	19	7.24
Way	1.2	2	4	1	1	2	35	3.22
Erceg	0.1	1	1	1	2	0	26	5.40
Tolbert	1.0	6	6	6	1	0	37	54.00

T: 2:57. **A:** 18,383 (38,427).

Cubs 10, Twins 1

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Martin lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.245
Jeffers c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.288
Jackson c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.309
Bell dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.249
Lewis 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.217
Caratini 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Gray 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Clemens rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Roden ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Keaschall cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.263
Lee 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Kreidler ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.254
Totals	32	1	8	1	3	4	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.284
Dean cf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.400
Suzuki rf	2	2	1	0	2	0	.273
Conforto ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Busch 1b	5	2	3	1	0	1	.244
Bregman 3b	4	2	2	2	1	0	.239
Happ lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.217
Alcantara lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Hoerner 2b	5	1	2	4	0	2	.245
Ramirez dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.281
Kelly c	3	0	1	1	1	0	.269
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.207
Totals	36	10	12	9	6	9	

Minnesota	000 000 010 —	1	8	1
Chicago	214 300 00x —	10	12	1

E: Lee (7), Suzuki (2). **LOB:** Minnesota 8, Chicago 8. **2B:** Lewis (12), Suzuki (16), Ramirez (5), Crow-Armstrong (16). **3B:** Hoerner (1). **HR:** Bregman (10), off Matthews. **RBIs:** Lewis (30), Bregman 2 (43), Kelly (33), Hoerner 4 (43), Ramirez (10), Busch (52). **SF:** Lewis. **RISP:** Minnesota 0 for 4; Chicago 7 for 13. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Lewis, Kreidler, Caratini); Chicago 2 (Swanson, Hoerner, Busch; Bregman, Hoerner, Busch).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Matthews, L, 4-7	3.0	9	10	8	3	4	87	5.40
Adams	3.0	1	0	0	1	2	45	5.53
Funderburk	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	14	3.91
Go	1.0	2	0	0	1	2	23	3.00

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imanaga, W, 6-8	7.0	6	0	0	1	4	99	3.91
Maton	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	23	6.18
Pomeranz	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	20	5.59

T: 2:46. **A:** 37,205 (41,363).

White Sox 3, Blue Jays 0

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Murakami 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.231
Vargas 3b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.242
C.Montgomery ss	4	1	2	1	0	2	.224
Benintendi dh	2	1	1	1	1	0	.243
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.241
Grichuk lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.246
Perez pr-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.152
Peters cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.293
Romo c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.130
Totals	31	3	6	3	2	12	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Clement 2b-ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.295
Lukes rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.286
Guerrero dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Okamoto 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Varsho cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.239
Keys 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.176
Kirk ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Valenzuela c-1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Giménez ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Urías ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.276
Clase lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.273
Totals	30	0	4	0	1	6	

Chicago	000 102 000 —	3	6	0
Toronto	000 000 000 —	0	4	0

LOB: Chicago 4, Toronto 4. **2B:** Benintendi (15). **HR:** C.Montgomery (24), off Yesavage. **RBIs:** Benintendi (47), C.Montgomery (57), B.Montgomery (17). **SF:** Benintendi. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 3 (Antonacci, Grichuk 2); Toronto 0. **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 4; Toronto 0 for 2. **Runners moved up:** Romo, Guerrero. **GIDP:** Okamoto. **DP:** Chicago 1 (C.Montgomery, Antonacci, Murakami).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burke, W, 7-4	6.2	2	0	0	1	5	98	3.20
Hudson, H, 6	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.13
Taylor, S, 5-8	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	9	2.74

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yesavge, L, 4-5	6.0	5	3	3	2	9	95	3.78
Fisher	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	7	3.54
Fluharty	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	22	4.38
Estrada	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.45

T: 2:21. **A:** 41,288 (39,150).

Braves 8, Rangers 5

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.243
Foscue ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Langford lf	5	2	3	2	0	0	.283
Jung 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.292
Nimmo rf	3	0	0	0	2	1	.263
Burger 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.239
Duran ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.265
Carter cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Cauley ph-cf	1	1	0	0	1	1	.240
Lopez 2b	4	1	3	0	0	0	.315
Higashioka c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.218
Totals	**37**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**3**	**7**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	5	3	5	2	0	0	.276
Albies 2b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.263
Olson 1b	4	1	2	0	1	2	.269
Harris cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.301
Dubón lf	5	1	0	0	0	1	.266
Smith dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.259
White ph-dh	1	1	0	0	0	0	.225
Riley 3b	4	2	3	4	0	1	.217
Jarvis ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Hicklen rf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.455
Totals	**38**	**8**	**14**	**8**	**2**	**9**	

Texas	**000 030 011 —**	**5**	**11**	**0**
Atlanta	**111 100 31x —**	**8**	**14**	**1**

E: Jarvis (2). **LOB:** Texas 9, Atlanta 9. **2B:** Langford (9), Pederson (9), Higashioka (4), Olson (25), Hicklen (3). **HR:** Langford (10), off Iglesias; Riley 2 (12), off Eovaldi; Baldwin (17), off Eovaldi; Baldwin (18), off Peoples. **RBIs:** Langford 2 (25), Jung (35), Burger (59), Higashioka (18), Harris (58), Riley 4 (47), Baldwin 2 (54), Hicklen (2). **SB:** Baldwin (2). **SF:** Jung, Harris. **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 5 (Jung, Foscue, Duran, Langford 2); Atlanta 2 (Albies 2). **RISP:** Texas 3 for 9; Atlanta 2 for 9. **Runners moved up:** Lopez, Albies. **GIDP:** Carter. **DP:** Atlanta 1 (Olson, Jarvis).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eovaldi, L, 9-8	4.0	6	4	4	2	2	81	4.21
Ahlstrom	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	15	6.46
Winn	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	19	5.77
Alexander	0.1	1	2	2	0	0	5	2.79
Gray	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	9	3.67
Peoples	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	26	3.38

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes, W, 6-4	5.0	7	3	3	2	2	74	3.70
Dodd, H, 5	0.2	2	0	0	0	2	17	2.22
Fuentes, H, 10	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.50
Lee	1.0	1	1	1	1	2	27	1.81
Iglesias	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	8	2.36

T: 2:48. **A:** 29,856 (41,149).

Nationals 5, Athletics 2

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.272
Mead 3b	3	1	1	1	2	0	.256
Chaparro 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.210
García ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Abrams ss	4	1	2	2	1	2	.277
Crews rf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.210
Ford c	3	0	1	1	0	1	.375
Lile lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.245
Young cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.225
Nuñez 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.246
Totals	**33**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**10**	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wilson ss	5	0	2	1	0	0	.290
Soderstrom lf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.244
Langeliers dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.260
Heim c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Kuroda-Grauer 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.404
Thomas rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.206
Cortes ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.282
White 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.167
Walton ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.302
Bolte cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.262
McNeil ph	0	1	0	0	1	0	.233
Williams 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.273
Butler ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.193
Totals	**36**	**2**	**11**	**2**	**2**	**6**	

Washington	**001 130 000 —**	**5**	**7**	**0**
Athletics	**001 000 001 —**	**2**	**11**	**0**

LOB: Washington 9, Athletics 9. **2B:** Ford (1), Abrams (19), Williams 2 (9), Langeliers (18). **HR:** Abrams (21), off Alvarado; Crews (7), off Alvarado. **RBIs:** Mead (48), Ford (4), Abrams 2 (70), Crews (20), Soderstrom (47), Wilson (29). **SB:** Mead (6), Nuñez 2 (37), Ford (1), Young 2 (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 5 (Mead, Lile 2, Nuñez, Crews); Athletics 6 (Cortes 2, Thomas, Soderstrom, Wilson, Heim). **RISP:** Washington 1 for 12; Athletics 2 for 10. **DP:** Washington 2 (Nuñez, Abrams, Chaparro; Nuñez, Abrams, Chaparro); 1 (Wilson, White, Wilson).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Griffin, W, 11-2	7.0	8	1	1	1	2	97	2.68
Cosgrove	0.2	2	0	0	0	2	17	0.00
Beeter, S, 8-13	1.1	1	1	1	1	2	24	3.77

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lopez, L, 4-4	4.1	2	2	2	2	6	84	6.64
Alvarado	0.2	2	3	3	1	0	21	5.79
Basso	2.0	2	0	0	1	3	33	7.36
Hartlieb	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	24	4.22

T: 2:43. **A:** 9,088 (14,014).

Pirates 7, Guardians 1

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum lf	5	0	2	1	0	2	.303
Triolo 3b	3	1	2	0	2	1	.241
Reynolds dh	5	0	0	0	0	4	.282
Valdez rf	3	1	1	2	2	2	.305
O'Hearn 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.278
Gonzales 2b	5	2	2	0	0	2	.311
Gonzalez ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.250
Davis c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.164
Cook cf	4	2	3	2	0	1	.231
Totals	**37**	**7**	**11**	**6**	**5**	**15**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.240
Bazzana 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.239
DeLauter dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.277
Rocchio ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.272
Manzardo 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Watson rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.233
Arias 3b	2	1	1	0	1	1	.232
Bailey c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.183
Halpin cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.194
Totals	**29**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**11**	

Pittsburgh	**010 013 002 —**	**7**	**11**	**1**
Cleveland	**001 000 000 —**	**1**	**7**	**1**

E: Davis (4), Bailey (5). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 8, Cleveland 3. **2B:** Gonzales 2 (17), Gonzalez (5), Kwan (11), DeLauter (17), Watson (5). **3B:** Cook (1). **HR:** Valdez (12), off Dion. **RBIs:** Cook 2 (2), Gonzalez (20), Mangum (20), Valdez 2 (32), Kwan (17). **SB:** Cook (5). **CS:** Kwan (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 4 (O'Hearn 2, Valdez, Triolo); Cleveland 2 (Watson, Rocchio). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 4 for 12; Cleveland 1 for 5. **DP:** Pittsburgh 2 (Davis, Gonzalez, Davis; Cook, Davis, Cook); Cleveland 1 (Bazzana, Rocchio, Manzardo).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skenes, W, 9-8	7.0	7	1	1	2	8	100	3.43
Montgomery	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.92
Mattson	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	4.13

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cantillo, L, 8-5	5.0	7	4	4	3	7	80	3.74
Aleman	1.0	2	1	1	1	3	22	1.80
Gaddis	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	13	2.56
Dion	2.0	2	2	2	0	4	31	5.65

T: 2:40. **A:** 31,973 (34,788).

Mariners 6, Giants 3

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.326
Eldridge dh	3	1	1	1	1	2	.275
Schmitt 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.278
Devers 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.243
Ramos lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.277
Lee rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.303
Adames ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.228
McCray cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Cavanaugh c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.243
Totals	**31**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**2**	**16**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford 3b	3	0	1	0	2	0	.215
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.256
Young 2b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.256
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.281
Raleigh dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.163
Naylor 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.253
Garver c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.184
Wilson rf	2	0	1	1	0	1	.220
Raley ph-rf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.230
Robles rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.210
Emerson ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.195
Totals	**35**	**6**	**11**	**5**	**3**	**7**	

San Francisco	**200 010 000 —**	**3**	**5**	**2**
Seattle	**000 211 20x —**	**6**	**11**	**0**

E: Schmitt 2 (6). **LOB:** San Francisco 4, Seattle 8. **2B:** Arraez (22), Garver (3). **HR:** Eldridge (10), off L.Gilbert; Raley (15), off Houser; Young (13), off Houser. **RBIs:** Eldridge (23), Ramos (29), Arraez (36), Naylor (37), Wilson (7), Raley (37), Young 2 (48). **SB:** Schmitt (9), Naylor (19), Eldridge (1). **S:** McCray. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 2 (Eldridge, Devers); Seattle 4 (Young, Rodríguez 3). **RISP:** San Francisco 2 for 6; Seattle 2 for 10. **DP:** San Francisco 2 (Schmitt, Arraez, Devers; Schmitt, Arraez, Devers).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ray	4.0	7	3	1	2	6	86	3.33
Hentges	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.83
Houser, L, 2-7	3.0	4	3	3	1	1	50	5.10

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
L.Gilbert, W, 8-6	6.0	4	3	3	1	10	95	3.38
Bazardo, H, 19	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	16	2.28
Speier, H, 13	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	16	2.05
Muñoz, S, 17-22	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	3.96

T: 2:35. **A:** 36,204 (47,929).

Red Sox 6, Rays 1

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	5	0	0	0	0	2	.310
Aranda 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.290
Caminero 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.280
Mullins cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.199
Simpson lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.282
Mesa rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.216
Palacios 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.240
Walls ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.218
Feduccia c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.230
Totals	**34**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**5**	**8**	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jones dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.150
Rafaela cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.281
Abreu rf	3	1	0	0	0	0	.264
Contreras 1b	3	2	1	2	1	0	.283
Durbin 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.236
Gonzalez 2b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.184
Monasterio ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	.239
Duran lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.190
Wong c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.276
Totals	**30**	**6**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**5**	

Tampa Bay	**010 000 000 —**	**1**	**8**	**2**
Boston	**013 020 00x —**	**6**	**6**	**0**

E: Feduccia (5), Caminero (15). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 11, Boston 5. **2B:** Simpson (10), Feduccia (5), Monasterio (15). **HR:** Mesa (7), off Gray; Contreras (22), off McClanahan. **RBIs:** Mesa (14), Monasterio (17), Durbin (41), Gonzalez (6), Contreras 2 (64). **SB:** Palacios (9). **CS:** Palacios (5), Duran (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 8 (Caminero 2, Simpson 2, Palacios 3, Aranda); Boston 2 (Monasterio, Wong). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 0 for 15; Boston 1 for 5. **DP:** Boston 1 (Gonzalez, Monasterio, Contreras).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McClanahan, L, 8-6	5.0	5	6	4	3	3	87	3.07
Kimbrel	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	4.50
Roycroft	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	24	8.80

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gray, W, 12-1	6.0	5	1	1	4	5	91	2.48
Weissert	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	3.66
Morán	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	15	2.61
Watson	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	19	4.53

T: 2:25. **A:** 32,950 (37,755).

Diamondbacks 8, Cardinals 7

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	6	1	1	1	0	1	.262
Herrera c	6	1	3	0	0	0	.247
Torres pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.191
Pagés c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.209
Walker dh	5	1	1	1	1	2	.292
Velázquez lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.233
Church cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Burleson 1b	5	1	3	2	0	0	.280
Winn ss	4	0	0	0	1	0	.243
Fermín cf-lf	3	1	2	0	2	0	.268
Nootbaar rf	1	1	0	0	4	0	.257
Jordan 3b	5	1	3	3	0	0	.259
Totals	**41**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**8**	**7**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte 2b	5	1	1	1	0	2	.258
Perdomo ss	4	1	1	2	1	0	.238
Carroll rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Barrosa ph-rf	1	1	0	0	0	1	.184
Moreno c	4	0	0	1	1	0	.304
Kepler lf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.213
Locklear 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.333
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.244
Del Castillo dh	3	2	2	0	1	0	.195
Tawa pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Waldschmidt cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.252
Totals	**37**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**4**	**7**	

St. Louis	**005 020 000 0 —**	**7**	**13**	**0**
Arizona	**000 003 220 1 —**	**8**	**10**	**0**

One out when winning run scored. **LOB:** St. Louis 13, Arizona 6. **2B:** Walker (20), Carroll (20), Del Castillo (5), Kepler (3). **3B:** Jordan (2). **HR:** Perdomo (7), off Soriano; Arenado (13), off Graceffo. **RBIs:** Jordan 3 (17), Wetherholt (38), Walker (76), Burleson 2 (69), Marte (56), Moreno (33), Locklear (1), Perdomo 2 (36), Arenado 2 (44), Kepler (9). **RISP:** St. Louis 5 for 14; Arizona 3 for 8. **DP:** St. Louis 1 (Winn, Wetherholt, Burleson); Arizona 2 (Perdomo, Marte, Locklear; Perdomo, Locklear, Perdomo).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pallante	5.1	5	3	3	2	3	88	4.02
Stanek, H, 16	0.2	1	1	1	1	0	18	4.82
Soriano	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	16	3.40
Graceffo, BS, 1-2	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	21	3.17
Gastelum, L, 1-1	1.1	1	1	0	0	2	20	7.20

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez	2.2	7	5	5	2	3	68	2.62
Jameson	2.0	1	2	2	3	2	42	4.67
Abner	2.0	1	0	0	2	1	46	6.75
Clarke	1.1	2	0	0	0	1	15	2.45
Thompson	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	14	2.78
Morillo, W, 3-4	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	12	2.95

T: 3:24. **A:** 28,069 (48,359).

Angels 3, Tigers 2

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle ss-3b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.282
Dingler dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Keith 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Vierling ph-3b-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Greene lf	3	1	1	1	1	2	.286
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.207
Carpenter rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Lee 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.255
Outman cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.159
Valencia c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.417
Rogers c	1	0	0	0	1	0	.172
McKinstry ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.196
Totals	**31**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**7**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	1	1	1	1	2	.235
Trout cf	3	0	0	0	2	2	.235
Schanuel 1b	5	0	3	0	0	0	.279
Soler dh	4	0	0	1	0	2	.206
Grissom 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.256
Guzman pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Lowe lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.203
Siri ph-lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Adell rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Peraza 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.242
Heineman c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.180
Totals	**32**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**5**	**10**	

Detroit	**100 000 001 —**	**2**	**4**	**0**
Los Angeles	**010 011 00x —**	**3**	**9**	**0**

LOB: Detroit 5, Los Angeles 12. **2B:** Grissom (12). **HR:** McGonigle (9), off Johnson; Greene (14), off Zeferjahn. **RBIs:** McGonigle (35), Greene (47), Peraza (24), Soler (43), Neto (46). **SB:** Trout (8), Peraza (12), Neto (13), Heineman (1). **S:** Lowe. **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2 (Dingler 2); Los Angeles 7 (Schanuel 2, Adell 2, Neto, Lowe, Peraza). **RISP:** Detroit 0 for 1; Los Angeles 3 for 17.

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mize	3.1	5	1	1	1	5	74	2.79
Anderson, L, 3-4	1.1	1	1	1	3	1	32	4.24
Hanifee	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	20	3.45
Holton	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	20	3.12
Jansen	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	19	4.38

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Johnson, W, 2-4	5.0	2	1	1	3	5	91	6.10
Natera, H, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.76
Silseth, H, 7	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	2.95
Bachman, H, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.95
Zeferjahn, S, 3-5	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	15	3.91

T: 2:48. **A:** 30,778 (45,517).

Brewers 3, Marlins 1

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.299
Hernández lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.237
Stowers 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.229
Sanoja ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Hicks c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Mack c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Jiménez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.209
Pauley 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Conine dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.276
Ruiz rf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.248
Marsee cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.196
Totals	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**10**	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yelich dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.241
Chourio lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.279
Turang 2b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.261
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.307
Bauers rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Contreras ph-c	2	1	1	3	0	1	.280
Mitchell cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Sánchez c	2	0	1	0	1	0	.224
Pratt pr-ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Shewmake 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Lara ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Ortiz ss-3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.226
Totals	**27**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**4**	**12**	

Miami	**001 000 000 —**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Milwaukee	**000 000 003 —**	**3**	**4**	**0**

One out when winning run scored. a-struck out for Bauers in the 7th. b-pinch hit for Shewmake in the 7th. 1-ran for Sánchez in the 7th. **E:** Pérez (2). **LOB:** Miami 6, Milwaukee 4. **HR:** Ruiz (5), off Gasser; Contreras (10), off Fairbanks. **RBIs:** Ruiz (10), Contreras 3 (57). **SB:** Yelich (8). **CS:** Pratt (2). **RISP:** Miami 0 for 4; Milwaukee 1 for 4. **DP:** Miami 1 (Sanoja, Jiménez, Sanoja).

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez	6.0	1	0	0	3	9	93	3.53
Gibson, H, 2	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	20	4.91
Petersen, H, 17	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	18	2.91
Fairbanks, L, 3-4, BS, 13-16	0.1	2	3	3	1	1	19	7.42

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gasser	5.0	3	1	1	0	5	86	4.91
Patrick	2.0	1	0	0	1	3	34	3.42
Ashby	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	18	3.43
Anderson, W, 3-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3.53

T: 2:49. **A:** 36,451 (41,700).

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	11	1	3	36	32	11
Inter Miami CF	9	2	4	31	39	28
Chicago	8	4	2	26	27	16
New England	8	5	1	25	22	18
Red Bulls	6	5	4	22	25	32
Charlotte FC	6	6	3	21	24	23
Cincinnati	5	5	5	20	36	37
NYCFC	5	6	4	19	25	21
D.C. United	4	5	6	18	21	25
Columbus	4	7	4	16	21	23
CF Montréal	4	8	3	15	22	31
Toronto FC	3	6	6	15	22	29
Orlando City	4	9	2	14	23	44
Atlanta	3	10	2	11	14	24
Philadelphia	1	10	4	7	18	30

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	2	2	32	34	12
San Jose	10	3	2	32	34	15
Los Angeles FC	8	5	3	27	27	17
Real Salt Lake	8	4	2	26	26	19
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	30	22
Seattle FC	7	4	3	24	18	16
Houston	7	6	1	22	19	23
Minn. United	6	5	4	22	18	22
LA Galaxy	5	6	5	20	22	25
St Louis City	5	6	4	19	19	22
Portland	5	8	2	17	27	29
San Diego FC	4	6	5	17	30	27
Colorado	5	9	1	16	25	24
Austin FC	3	7	5	14	19	31
Sporting K.C.	3	10	2	11	16	39

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Wednesday

NYCFC at Columbus, 7:30pm
Red Bulls at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Vancouver at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Chicago at Miami, 7:30pm
Toronto FC at New England, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Charlotte FC, 8:15pm
Seattle FC at Austin FC, 8:30pm
D.C. United at Houston, 8:30pm
Minnesota at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
CF Montréal at Nashville, 8:30pm
San Diego FC at Colorado, 9:30pm
St Louis City at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
FC Dallas at Portland, 10:30pm
Orlando City at San Jose, 10:30pm

Saturday

Charlotte FC at **Red Bulls**, 6:30pm
Chicago at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7pm
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 7:30pm
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Atlanta at New England, 7:30pm
Nashville at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Seattle FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8:30pm
Colorado at St Louis City, 8:30pm
FC Dallas at San Diego FC, 9:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at Portland, 10:30pm
LA Galaxy at San Jose, 10:30pm

NASCAR O'Reilly

NASCAR O'Reilly Laps Led Leaders Through July 12

1. Kyle Larson, 477.
2. Justin Allgaier, 472.
3. Jesse Love, 380.
4. Corey Day, 195.
5. Taylor Gray, 189.
6. Sam Mayer, 165.
7. Connor Zilisch, 164.
8. Austin Hill, 151.
9. Brent Crews, 143.
10. William Sawalich, 129.
11. Brandon Jones, 127.
12. Sheldon Creed, 120.

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	9	3	3	30	24	12
Gotham FC	**9**	**3**	**3**	**30**	**19**	**10**
San Diego	9	5	2	29	23	17
Portland	8	5	3	27	25	18
Utah Royals FC	8	4	3	27	22	16
Kansas City	8	6	1	25	23	22
Angel City	7	6	1	22	22	14
North Carolina	6	5	3	21	20	19
Orlando	6	8	2	20	21	21
Denver Summit FC	5	5	4	19	21	19
Bay FC	5	6	3	18	16	19
Seattle	5	7	2	17	15	19
Houston	4	7	4	16	18	24
Boston Legacy FC	4	8	4	16	17	23
Chicago	4	11	0	12	8	30
Louisville	2	10	2	8	16	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday

Washington 2, Boston Legacy FC 1

Friday

Bay FC at Houston, 8pm
Chicago at Orlando, 8pm
Gotham FC at Portland, 10pm

Saturday

Kansas City at Boston Legacy FC, 5pm
Utah Royals FC at North Carolina, 7:45pm

Sunday, July 26

Seattle at San Diego, 5pm
Denver Summit FC at Washington, 7pm
Louisville at Angel City, 9pm

Wednesday, July 29

Louisville at Kansas City, 8pm
Washington at Utah Royals FC, 9pm
Gotham FC at Bay FC, 10pm

FIFA World Cup

Third Place Playoff Game
Saturday
England 6, France 4
FINAL
Sunday
Spain 1, Argentina 0, AET

NBA Summer League Schedule

Sunday - Summer League Consolation

Nets 108,. Oklahoma City 90
Denver 96, Toronto 89

Sunday - Summer League Final

Golden State 94, Memphis 90

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	16	10	.615	—
Indiana	16	10	.615	—
Liberty	13	12	.520	2½
Washington	12	12	.500	3
Toronto	10	15	.400	5½
Chicago	9	17	.346	7
Connecticut	7	19	.269	9

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	20	6	.769	—
Golden State	19	7	.731	1
Las Vegas	17	7	.708	2
Dallas	17	8	.680	2½
Portland	11	15	.423	9
Los Angeles	10	15	.400	9½
Phoenix	9	18	.333	11½
Seattle	6	21	.222	14½

Sunday

Dallas 90, Los Angeles 82
Atlanta 93, Chicago 91
Phoenix 72, Connecticut 63

Monday

Liberty at Dallas, 8pm
Las Vegas at Toronto, 8pm
Minnesota at Seattle, 10pm
Washington at Golden State, 10pm

Tuesday

No games scheduled.

The POST Line

MLB
Monday
American League

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Twins	$101-121	GUARDIANS
BLUE JAYS	$118-142	Rays
RED SOX	$118-142	Orioles
RANGERS	$142-172	White Sox

National League

Favorite	Money LIne	Underdog
PHILLIES	$118-142	Dodgers
BRAVES	$135-163	Padres
BREWERS	$157-192	**Mets**
ROCKIES	OFF	Nationals

Interleague

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	$103-125	Pirates
Giants	-106-110	ROYALS
CUBS	-107-113	Tigers
ASTROS	$118-142	Marlins
MARINERS	$129-156	Reds
D'BACKS	$136-162	Athletics
ANGELS	$101-121	Cardinals

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Monday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Liberty	3.5 (174.5)	WINGS
Aces	10.5 (182.5)	TEMPO
Lynx	10.5 (174.5)	STORM
VALKYRIES	7.5 (145.5)	Mystics

NFL
Wed. Sept. 9

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
SEAHAWKS	3.5 (44.5)	Patriots
	Thur. Sept. 10	
RAMS	3 (48.5)	49ers
	Sun. Sept. 13	
Cowboys	2.5 (48.5)	**GIANTS**
TITANS	3 (39.5)	**Jets**
LIONS	7 (48.5)	Saints
JAGUARS	7.5 (40.5)	Browns
Bears	2.5 (44.5)	PANTHERS
Bills	1.5 (45.5)	TEXANS
Ravens	3.5 (49.5)	COLTS
BENGALS	3.5 (50.5)	Buccaneers
STEELERS	3 (42.5)	Falcons
CHARGERS	11.5 (45.5)	Cardinals
EAGLES	5.5 (46.5)	Commanders
RAIDERS	3 (41.5)	Dolphins
Packers	1.5 (44.5)	VIKINGS
	Monday	
CHIEFS	2.5 (42.5)	Broncos

Home Teams In CAPS

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Bosox's win streak hits 13

Willson Contreras hit a two-run homer, Sonny Gray gave up one run and five hits over six innings, and the Red Sox beat the Rays 6-1 in Boston for their 13th win in a row.

The streak is tied for the second-best in franchise history with a 13-game run in July 1948. The franchise's longest was 15 games in June 1946.

● In Atlanta, **Austin Riley** and **Drake Baldwin** each hit two home runs as the Braves beat the Rangers 8-5 to win the three-game series in a matchup of first-place teams.

● In Cleveland, **Paul Skenes** allowed one run and struck out eight in seven innings and the Pirates defeated the Guardians 7-1.

● In Toronto, **Sean Burke** and two relievers combined on a four-hitter, **Colson Montgomery** hit his 24th home run and the White Sox beat the Blue Jays 3-0.

WNBA: Reese exits with leg injury

Dream forward **Angel Reese** left their 93-91 win over the Sky in Atlanta with a left leg injury. Reese's knee buckled when she came to a jump stop under the basket early in the fourth quarter, and she fell to the ground as she missed the layup.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Paige Bueckers** had 25 points before exiting following a scary collision as the Wings beat the Sparks 90-82 to extend their winning streak to a franchise record-tying six games.

CYCLING: Vingegaard out of Tour

Jonas Vingegaard will undergo surgery on a fractured collarbone after his Tour de France ended abruptly with a crash near the end of the 15th stage in Plateau de Solaison, France.

The 2022 and '23 Tour champion was among a few riders who fell close to a curb about 12 miles from the end of the stage. After a few moments, Vingegaard's Tour was over as he limped into an ambulance with his right arm in a sling.

Remco Evenepoel won the stage, holding off **Tadej Pogacar**, who retained his commanding overall lead.

ETC.: McGregor confirms ACL tear

Conor McGregor confirmed he suffered a torn right ACL and meniscus damage in the opening moments of his brief UFC 329 loss to **Max Holloway** on July 11.

● In North Wilkesboro, N.C., **Joey Logano** held off **Denny Hamlin** for his first NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season Sunday night in the first points race at North Wilkesboro Speedway in 30 years.

● In Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, 19-year-old **Kimi Antonelli** passed **Charles Leclerc** with 10 laps remaining to win the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday for his sixth victory of the Formula 1 season.

● In Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, **Stefano Mazzoli** won the Corales Puntacana Championship for his first PGA Tour victory, closing with a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke victory.

TOP PLAY

Tampa Bay WR going Over

By MIKE TURAY

With the World Cup officially behind us and the MLB season trailing along, lo and behold, NFL preseason action is just two weeks away after a headline-driven offseason full of trades and ample player movement.

The beauty for bettors is that roster reconstruction can create more opportunities and higher positions on the depth chart for rising stars.

With veteran Mike Evans leaving for the 49ers, Emeka Egbuka becomes Baker Mayfield's primary target for the Buccaneers.

The Ohio State product announced himself as a rookie in 2025 with a standout Week 1 performance in his NFL debut, recording four catches for 67 yards and two touchdowns against the Falcons.

Egbuka made history by becoming the first player to record at least 25 receptions, 400 receiving yards, and five receiving touchdowns within his first five NFL games. He finished as one of the best young pass catchers in all of football, with 63 receptions for 938 yards and six touchdowns.

Now that Egbuka has a full season of chemistry with Mayfield and is expected to make the leap to a top receiver, lean on him to surpass his 899.5 receiving yards line on DraftKings Sportsbook.

THE PLAY: Emeka Egbuka Over 899.5 regular season receiving yards (-110, DraftKings)

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'26 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Mets	Peralta (R)	–	5-8	4.66	9-11	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	13.0	5.54
Brewers	Misiorowski (R)	(7:40pm)	10-4	1.62	11-7	0-0	0.00	0-1	2-1	18.0	2.50
Pirates	Ashcraft (R)	–	9-3	3.49	13-6	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	16.2	5.94
Yankees	Weathers (L)	(7:05pm)	3-7	4.15	8-10	0-0	0.00	0-2	0-2	11.0	5.73
Giants	McDonald (R)	–	3-7	5.02	6-7	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	15.1	5.28
Royals	Wacha (R)	(7:40pm)	5-7	3.77	5-14	0-0	0.00	3-1	0-2	18.1	5.40
Tigers	Flaherty (R)	–	3-8	4.48	6-12	1-0	0.00	4-4	2-0	16.2	1.08
Cubs	Taillon (R)	(8:05pm)	2-5	1.59	6-7	0-0	0.00	2-2	0-1	12.1	5.11
Marlins	Junk (R)	–	4-5	4.57	6-6	1-0	5.40	1-0	2-1	15.0	6.00
Astros	Blanco (R)	(8:10pm)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-2	20.0	2.70
Athletics	Springs (L)	–	3-9	6.08	7-12	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-2	15.0	9.00
D'backs	Bratt (L)	(9:40pm)	0-0	6.00	2-0	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	6.0	6.00
Reds	Abbott (L)	–	5-5	4.11	10-10	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-1	15.0	5.40
Mariners	Kirby (R)	(9:40pm)	7-8	3.76	9-9	0-0	0.00	1-0	2-1	20.0	2.25
Cardinals	Leahy (R)	–	7-4	3.73	9-9	0-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	13.0	0.69
Angels	Soriano (R)	(10:10pm)	8-6	3.49	10-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	16.0	4.50
Twins	Ryan (R)	–	6-5	2.85	11-9	0-0	1.50	3-5	1-1	17.0	1.06
Guardians	Bibee (R)	(6:40pm)	3-9	3.90	6-14	0-0	1.50	2-0	1-1	17.2	4.58
Rays	Martinez (R)	–	8-2	2.65	14-4	1-0	1.80	2-2	2-0	16.1	2.20
Blue Jays	Cease (R)	(7:07pm)	6-4	2.56	11-6	0-0	1.29	1-3	2-1	19.2	1.83
Orioles	Baz (R)	–	4-9	4.19	6-13	1-0	2.57	4-1	0-1	17.2	3.57
Red Sox	Tolle (L)	(7:10pm)	5-6	3.11	6-9	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-1	12.2	4.97
White Sox	Fedde (R)	–	5-6	4.15	5-4	0-1	2.57	0-1	2-0	13.0	4.85
Rangers	deGrom (R)	(8:05pm)	7-5	3.49	11-7	0-0	3.00	0-0	1-1	18.0	3.00
Dodgers	Sheehan (R)	–	4-6	4.81	8-9	0-0	1.59	0-0	1-1	14.2	2.45
Phillies	Sánchez (L)	(7:10pm)	11-4	2.62	14-6	0-0	5.14	2-0	2-1	17.1	5.71
Padres	Sears (L)	–	2-2	5.03	2-2	1-0	3.18	1-1	1-2	14.0	5.79
Braves	Elder (R)	(7:15pm)	5-6	4.12	10-8	0-0	0.00	0-2	0-2	14.0	10.29
Nationals	Alvarez (L)	–	2-3	4.04	2-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	14.0	5.14
Rockies	Freeland (L)	(8:40pm)	2-8	7.36	6-11	0-1	4.50	5-3	1-1	16.0	6.75

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Cease, Blue Jays slay Rays

Goals were hard to come by in the World Cup final in the Meadowlands. Assume runs will be in short supply in Toronto on Monday.

Tampa's Nick Martinez is having a career year and is one of many reasons the Rays still sit atop the American League East standings. Martinez is 8-2 and has allowed four runs in his last 16 innings. The Jays' Dylan Cease earned back-to-back wins when he tossed a one-hitter for eight innings at San Francisco. The Rays have been as ugly as the World Cup trophy lately, losing five in a row, and they're 21-27 on the road. We will play $50 on Cease and the Blue Jays.

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They did it! No, not Spain; the Mets won twice for us in Philly this weekend.

Nolan McLean pitched a two-hitter over six innings, Francisco Lindor went 3-for-3, including a two-run homer, and the Mets drop-kicked the Phillies 6-1. We are 4-0 since the All-Star break but still down -66 beckenbauers.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 20	TUE July 21	WED July 22	THU July 23	FRI July 24
	Pittsburgh 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Pittsburgh 7:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Pittsburgh 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	Philadelphia 6:45 Apple TV 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Milwaukee 7:40 SNY 880 AM	Milwaukee 7:40 SNY 880 AM	Milwaukee 2:10 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	Dodgers 7:10 PIX11 880 AM
	Dallas 8:00 My9	NO GAME	Chicago 7:00 Fox 5	NO GAME	NO GAME

Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Philadelphia Union 7:30 Apple TV	Columbus Crew 7:30 Apple TV	Portland Thorns 10:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
7 p.m.	Dodgers at Phillies	ESPN
7:05 p.m.	Pirates at Yankees	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7:40 p.m.	Mets at Brewers	SNY, 880 AM
10 p.m.	Cardinals at Angels	ESPN
WNBA BASKETBALL		
8 p.m.	Liberty at Wings	My9
8 p.m.	Aces at Tempo	NBCSN, Peacock
10 p.m.	Lynx at Storm	USA
SOFTBALL		
7 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Spark at Blaze	ESPN2
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP Kitzbuhel: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Estoril: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Hamburg: Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Prague: Early Rounds	Tennis

NFL

Jahmyr Gibbs
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AP Offensive Player of the Year

NAME	ODDS	NAME	ODDS
Jahmyr Gibbs	+650	Derrick Henry	25/1
Bijan Robinson	+900	James Cook	30/1
Ja'Marr Chase	10/1	Kenneth Walker III	35/1
Puka Nacua	13/1	Ashton Jeanty	40/1
Jaxon Smith-Njigba	18/1	Omarion Hampton	40/1
Justin Jefferson	18/1	A.J. Brown	40/1
Christian McCaffrey	20/1	George Pickens	40/1
Jonathan Taylor	20/1	Malik Nabers	45/1
CeeDee Lamb	22/1	Nico Collins	45/1
Amon-Ra St. Brown	22/1	Drake London	45/1
Saquon Barkley	25/1	Rashee Rice	45/1

AP Defensive Player of the Year

NAME	ODDS	NAME	ODDS
Myles Garrett	+400	T.J. Watt	30/1
Will Anderson Jr.	+750	Trey Hendrickson	30/1
Aidan Hutchinson	10/1	Jared Verse	30/1
Nik Bonitto	14/1	Brian Burns	33/1
Maxx Crosby	22/1	Quinyon Mitchell	40/1
Jalen Carter	25/1	Fred Warner	45/1
Danielle Hunter	25/1	Derek Stingley Jr.	45/1
Nick Bosa	27/1	Pat Surtain II	50/1

ODDS & ENDS

NHL

Hart Trophy winner

NAME	ODDS
Connor McDavid	+240
Nathan MacKinnon	+360
Macklin Celebrini	+500
Nikita Kucherov	10/1
Leon Draisaitl	12/1
Kirill Kaprizov	22/1
David Pastrnak	25/1
Auston Matthews	30/1
Cale Makar	30/1
Jack Eichel	30/1
Quinn Hughes	40/1
Jack Hughes	45/1
Connor Hellebuyck	55/1
Nick Suzuki	55/1
Tage Thompson	65/1
Mitchell Marner	80/1
Andrei Vasilevskiy	80/1
Cole Caufield	80/1
Matthew Schaefer	100/1
Jeremy Swayman	100/1
Ilya Sorokin	200/1
Igor Shesterkin	200/1
Nico Hischier	200/1
Porter Martone	200/1
Sidney Crosby	200/1
Aleksander Barkov	200/1
Matthew Tkachuk	200/1
Brady Tkachuk	200/1
Wyatt Johnston	200/1
Brayden Point	200/1
Brandon Hagel	200/1
Cutter Gauthier	200/1
Leo Carlsson	200/1

Calder Trophy winner

NAME	ODDS
Porter Martone	+250
Gavin McKenna	+270
Ivar Stenberg	+700
Cole Hutson	+900
Anton Frondell	+900
Roman Kantserov	16/1
Konsta Helenius	19/1
Ilya Protas	22/1
James Hagens	30/1
Jacob Fowler	40/1
Viggo Bjorck	40/1
Tij Iginla	45/1
Victor Eklund	66/1
Sam O'Reilly	65/1
Artur Akhtyamov	65/1
Brady Martin	70/1
Carter Yakemchuk	80/1
Caleb Desnoyers	80/1
Fabian Lysell	80/1
Alberts Smits	100/1
Bradly Nadeau	100/1
Cole Eiserman	100/1
Braeden Cootes	100/1
Roger McQueen	100/1
T.J. Hughes	100/1
Ethan Belchetz	175/1
Radim Mrtka	200/1

BET SMART

Premier bets for soccer supporters

Reuters

MISSING LINK: Xabi Alonso, the fourth man to take over as Chelsea's manager since Jan. 1, brings a level of stability the club has lacked in recent seasons, and he gives The Post's Michael Leboff confidence The Blues can win the Premier League.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

The Summer of Soccer has ended, but here is a prescription to cure your World Cup Fever.

The 2026-27 Premier League season is set to get underway Aug. 21, with champions Arsenal hosting newly promoted Coventry City in the curtain-raiser.

Fresh off their first Premier League title since 2003-04, the Gunners are +145 favorites to repeat this season (FanDuel Sportsbook), putting them just ahead of Manchester City (+280), Liverpool (+500), Manchester United (+600) and Chelsea (10/1).

At the other end of the board are the three relegation favorites.

Hull City, which clinched a spot in the Premier League in dramatic fashion in May, is a whopping -475 favorite to get relegated. Fellow newbies Ipswich Town and Coventry City each are -175 to go down.

The only returning side that comes close to those prices is Sunderland, which is coming off a shocking seventh-place finish last season, its first in the top flight since 2016-17. The Black Cats are +200 to get relegated in May.

The upcoming Premier League campaign projects to be unlike any in recent memory. Of the five favorites, only Arsenal has the same manager as this time last year. Pep Guardiola has left his post at Manchester City, Andoni Iraola replaced Arne Slot at Liverpool, Michael Carrick was made permanent manager at Manchester United, and Xabi Alonso became the fourth head coach at Chelsea since Jan. 1.

The turnover wasn't limited to the sidelines. Mo Salah and Andy Robertson departed Liverpool, Elliot Anderson went from Nottingham Forest to Manchester City in the most expensive transfer for an Englishman in history, and John Stones and Bernardo Silva, who each won six titles with Man City, left the club after a decade.

More change is expected in the final weeks of the offseason as players return from World Cup duty, but we do have a pretty clear picture of how the Premier League will look over the next nine months.

Best bet to win Premier League: Chelsea (11/1, DraftKings)

The one thing that's been missing from Chelsea over the past few seasons has been stability. There's more than enough talent in the ranks at Stamford Bridge to contend for a title, but the club has had an unimaginable amount of turnover on the field and in the dugout this decade.

Chelsea has made 10 coaching changes since January 2021, with four of those swaps coming in this calendar year.

This is a bet that Alonso, who led Bayer Leverkusen to its first-ever Bundesliga title against the odds in 2023-24, can calm the waters in West London and take advantage of what should be a wide-open Premier League.

Best bet to get relegated Fulham (+600, FanDuel)

Marco Silva's long, successful tenure at Craven Cottage has come to an end, and you have to wonder if that will upset the progress that Fulham has made over the past five years.

Silva's replacement, Álvaro Arbeloa, brings a strong reputation after managing at Real Madrid's youth setup, but he's got his work cut out for him in 2026-27.

Fulham has plenty of talent in its starting 11, but you have to question whether or not this roster is deep enough to contend with the rigors of a Premier League campaign.

According to Transfermarkt, only the three newly promoted sides have a lower roster valuation than Fulham for the upcoming season.

GUT CHECK

NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP: Breanna Stewart and her Liberty teammates are hoping they can pull the team out of its recent tailspin that culminated in an embarrassing 108-88 loss to the Fever.

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Plenty of blame to go around after Liberty's worst loss of season

By MADELINE KENNEY

INDIANAPOLIS — Breanna Stewart walked into the visiting news conference room with a somber demeanor Saturday night, more than 40 minutes after the Liberty suffered arguably their worst loss of the season.

She seemed tired — not only from the 32 minutes she played in the Libs' fourth consecutive loss, but also tired of discussing the team's recurring issues.

But that fatigue and possible frustration didn't show in her answers. She is the ultimate pro. She was thoughtful, reflective and, at times, stern.

She was the first to say she could've been better after leading the team with 26 points and eight rebounds.

"I'm looking at myself, you know what I mean? There's a lot that I didn't do well today between the turnovers or the missed free throws or things like that," Stewart said following the 108-88 loss. "So in order for us to be our best, I need to be better."

Stewart accepted responsibility. But she isn't the only one who needs to improve.

Sabrina Ionescu finally shook off the rust and has been better of late. But she took only two shot attempts in the entire second half and nine total Saturday. She needs to be even more aggressive. She's averaging her fewest attempts from downtown since her sophomore season and a career-low in rebounds.

Jonquel Jones, a six-time All-Star this season, is attempting a career-high 4.7 attempts from 3 per game but her 5.1 field-goal attempts per game inside the arc are her fewest since her Sixth Player of the Year campaign in 2018. Also, at times, she lets her emotions impact her focus when the whistle or lack thereof gets to her.

Monday
LIBERTY AT DALLAS WINGS
8 p.m.
My9

Marine Johannes started Saturday red-hot, shooting 4-for-5 from deep in the first quarter. But she needs to reel in her flair and make simple passes rather than the flashy ones. She gets into the occasional foul trouble, too.

Pauline Astier has been solid. But she doesn't get the benefit of the doubt from officials as a rookie. She needs to make smarter decisions on defense.

The Liberty's bench was touted as the deepest in the league. Yet it has been outscored by opponents' reserves 128-67 this month. It should be able to provide more of a lift when the starters rest.

Coach Chris DeMarco knew the pressure that would be on his shoulders in Year 1. There were bound to be natural growing pains with his new staff and new system.

But the Liberty's rotation remains unsettled.

He played the two developmental players over Betnijah Laney-Hamilton and Rebekah Gardner on Saturday when the team desperately needed a defensive spark. He explained that he's still experimenting, which isn't unheard of at this stage.

But the team's overall performance on both ends of the floor has dropped off after an impressive eight-game winning streak. Perhaps the Liberty have overcommitted to their zone defense.

General manager Jonathan Kolb is not absolved from criticism either. He made the decision to fire Sandy Brondello, the Liberty's winningest head coach only a year after she delivered the franchise's first title. He led the coaching search that brought DeMarco to New York.

Kolb also built this roster, and the booming on-paper potential hasn't translated to the court.

Injuries have been a factor, though the team's recent downturn has shown deficiencies within the team's depth as the Aug. 2 trade deadline nears.

"It's a team game, and it's a team effort," DeMarco said. "And everybody, including myself, need to look at themselves and figure out how we're going to improve. And when we do that, and we're connected and we're playing together, the wins will follow."

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Johannes in question vs. Dallas

By MADELINE KENNEY

INDIANAPOLIS — The Liberty may be without yet another key rotational player for Monday's game against the Dallas Wings because of injury.

Marine Johannes is listed as questionable for the Liberty's postponed game.

Johannes appeared to tweak her ankle in Saturday's loss in Indiana. She exited the game with 8:42 left in the fourth and never returned.

Coach Chris DeMarco didn't have an immediate update on Johannes after the game.

The Liberty are already playing without Leonie Fiebich and Satou Sabally.

LIBERTY NOTES

Fiebich didn't make this road trip as she's dealing with a left foot injury that has sidelined her since July 3.

Meanwhile, Sabally hasn't played since June 23 as she remains in concussion protocol.

DeMarco hasn't unveiled an official return-to-play timeline for either, though he said Sabally won't return before the All-Star break.

➤ The Liberty arrived in Dallas for Monday's game a few days behind schedule.

New York was supposed to play the Wings on Thursday but the Liberty's travel issues resulted in a postponement.

The Wings enter Monday on a team-best six-game winning streak after beating the Sparks on Sunday. Meanwhile, the Liberty, losers of four straight, are reeling.

Saturday's 20-point loss to the Fever was the latest in a series of gut punches. The Liberty have now lost eight of their past 10 games. They haven't had a stretch this bad since 2022 before **Breanna Stewart** came into their lives.

In a season that has championship-or-bust expectations, the Liberty sit only a half-game above the eighth and final playoff spot and 2 ½ games from missing the postseason completely.

"I'm not gonna say play like the seed that we are but kind of, you know what I mean? Have some kind of chip on our shoulder or fight behind us," Stewart said. "We don't like where we're at right now but we're f--king there, you know what I mean? And playing with that and realizing that we're in it, we're in the trenches and we can either keep sinking or we can dig ourselves out and that's something like as an organization we all have to do."

Juan Soto

Imagn Images

Soto used as DH keeps Polanco on Mets bench

By MIKE PUMA

METS NOTES

PHILADELPHIA — Juan Soto's precautionary placement into the DH spot for the past two games left the Mets without a spot for one of their key offseason additions.

Such is the predicament team officials face on a daily basis trying to keep Jorge Polanco in the lineup. Polanco is limited to DH duty in his return from the injured list and likely won't be considered for first base action until at least next month.

Soto left Thursday's game with calf discomfort, and the Mets weren't about to push him to play left field Saturday and Sunday.

"We just want to ensure he's not carrying it with him past these couple of games," interim manager Andy Green said before the Mets' 6-1 victory over the Phillies. "We would have liked to get [Polanco] back in the lineup today, but this is more about just ensuring this is behind [Soto]."

Polanco is 3-for-21 (.143) in six games since returning from the IL.

➤ **Luis Robert Jr.** is expected to rejoin the Mets at some point during the next series (the Mets are in Milwaukee for three games), according to Green. The outfielder has spent the last 2 ½ months rehabbing a lumbar spine disc herniation.

➤ **Clay Holmes** is on track to pitch in a minor league rehab game later in the week. Holmes threw 45 pitches in a simulated game Saturday after his scheduled rehab start for Single-A Brooklyn was canceled due to rain. Holmes has spent two months rehabbing a broken right fibula.

➤ The series victory was the Mets' first at Citizens Bank Park since August 2022, when they won three of four games. The Mets won their first road series since June 7 in San Diego.

➤ **A.J. Minter** allowed a seventh-inning homer to **Alec Bohm**, giving the left-hander a second appearance in his past three in which he surrendered at least one run.

ON DECK: at Brewers

Monday, 7:40 p.m., SNY, WHSQ

RHP Freddy Peralta

2026 stats: 5-8, 4.66 ERA

Career vs. MIL: First start

Last start: July 11, vs. BOS; 4.1 IP, 2 ER, 5 BB

PITCH BREAKDOWN

53%	21%	15%
4-Seamer	Change	Curve

RHP Jacob Misiorowski

2026 stats: 10-4, 1.62 ERA

Career vs. NYM: 0-1, 12.27 ERA

Last start: July 7, at STL; 7 IP, 3 ER, 11 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

63%	14%	11%
4-Seamer	Cutter	Slider

UP NEXT

TUESDAY: at Brewers, 7:40 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
LHP Zach Thornton vs. RHP Brandon Sproat

WEDNESDAY: at Brewers, 2:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Christian Scott vs. RHP Logan Henderson

INJURY REPORT

■ **Luis Robert Jr.** is expected to rejoin the Mets as soon as Monday in Milwaukee. The outfielder has been sidelined since April 27 with lumbar spine disc herniation.

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MISS-FORTUNE

Despite racking up whiffs, Schlittler frustrated with inefficiency

FOUL MOOD: Cam Schlittler made it only $4\frac{1}{3}$ innings against the Dodgers, which he called "the most frustrating part" of an outing that included both elite swing-and-miss stuff and a lot of foul balls. AP

By GREG JOYCE

Cam Schlittler chose not to pitch in the All-Star Game, but in his first start since then, he faced a lineup that was certainly star-studded.

The Yankees ace had swing-and-miss stuff, just not enough in the right spots as the Dodgers made it a frustrating day for him and forced him out of the game by the fifth inning in an 8-2 loss Sunday afternoon in the first game of a doubleheader.

Schlittler racked up a career-high 20 swings-and-misses and eight strikeouts, but at the same time, the Dodgers fouled off 27 pitches — including 16 with two strikes — as they made him throw 98 pitches across $4\frac{1}{3}$ innings in which he gave up three runs.

"As a starter, [if] you can't get through five, that's not a good sign," Schlittler said. "I think that's the most frustrating part.

"I feel like the miss was there, the strikeouts are good, but it doesn't matter if you can't put a competitive outing together. They made me battle."

Schlittler came out firing, striking out the side in the top of the first inning on 17 pitches — including whiffing Shohei Ohtani on a 100 mph fastball, Andy Pages on a 99 mph fastball and Freddie Freeman on a 96 mph cutter. But the Dodgers began hiking up his pitch count in a 27-pitch second inning, which included Max Muncy reaching on a double after skying a pop fly to right field that Max Schuemann and Jazz Chisholm Jr. both appeared to lose in the sun.

Ohtani then put the Dodgers ahead for good in the third inning when he scalded a 111.1 mph RBI double to the gap to go up 1-0. Freddie Freeman added an RBI single to make it 2-0 before another 27-pitch inning was over.

Schlittler racked up three more strikeouts in the fourth inning before hitting Tommy Edman on an 0-2 fastball to lead off the fifth inning. Edman came in to score on Pages' bloop double down the right field line that ended Schlittler's day, leaving with a 3-1 deficit. The short outing was less than ideal in the first game of a doubleheader.

"They put a good swing on pretty much everything," catcher Ali Sánchez said.

While Schlittler's 20 swings-and-misses surpassed his previous career high of 19, they did not translate to the kind of success he is used to having because of the relentless Dodgers approach.

"I thought Cam was really good, but they did [have] a lot of heavy at-bats," manager Aaron Boone said. "He had a ton of swing-and-miss going, which was getting him into 2-2 and 3-2 counts, and then they did a pretty good job of extending some at-bats with a lot of foul balls. So it was kind of death by a thousand cuts. I thought he was on his game. They just had a ton of long at-bats, so it didn't enable him to get deep in the game."

Bombers relievers shine to salvage split

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES NOTES

The worst of the Yankees bullpen turned a close deficit into a blowout in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader.

But the best of it won them the nightcap.

Five relievers combined for nine innings of one-run ball against arguably the best lineup in the majors, quieting the Dodgers in a 2-1 win at Yankee Stadium.

Ryan Yarbrough ($2\frac{2}{3}$ innings), Paul Blackburn ($2\frac{1}{3}$ innings), Brent Headrick (two innings), Fernando Cruz (one-third of an inning) and David Bednar ($1\frac{2}{3}$ innings) delivered about as much as the Yankees could have hoped for — aside from Cruz allowing a solo home run to pinch hitter Tommy Edman in the eighth inning — to help stave off a series sweep.

"Yarbs getting almost three innings ... he was great and efficient," manager Aaron Boone said. "And then Blackburn being able to get seven outs for us. That was huge. That gave us a chance then to leverage it at the backside of the game."

After the Dodgers forced Cam Schlittler to throw 98 pitches across $4\frac{1}{3}$ innings of Game 1, Yarbrough (36 pitches), Blackburn (25 pitches) and Headrick (22 pitches) were all much more efficient. Headrick, the unsung MVP of the bullpen to date, has not allowed a run in 41 of his 49 relief appearances, which leads the majors.

Boone sacrificed the end of Game 1 to make the nightcap possible. The Yankees trailed only 3-1 entering the eighth inning when Boone used Jake Bird and Camilo Doval, who combined to allow seven straight Dodgers to reach as their lead ballooned to 8-1.

Bird, who was charged with all five runs, was optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre after the game, as his ERA reached 5.93 across 36 games and $30\frac{1}{3}$ innings this season.

The Yankees called up Kervin Castro to take Bird's spot in the bullpen in time for the nightcap.

➤ Saturday's rainout allowed the Yankees to rearrange their rotation to try to make it through the rest of **Max Fried's** injury absence without a fifth starter.

They pushed **Ryan Weathers** (Saturday's scheduled starter) to Monday against the Pirates and called up **Elmer Rodríguez** to be the 27th man for the second game of Sunday's doubleheader, though they ended up not needing him on a night when they pieced together a bullpen game. The Yankees have been trying to pick their spots with Rodríguez because he only has two of his five options to the minor leagues remaining this season, but being sent down after coming up as the 27th man does not count against that.

So instead of likely throwing a bullpen game on Tuesday — or potentially burning another option for Rodríguez — they got by with Rodríguez just offering length in reserve.

Weathers will go Monday, followed by **Will Warren** and **Gerrit Cole** against the Pirates. The Yankees then have an off day Thursday, which could allow them to keep their four starters on normal rest and then slot Fried back in next week after one more rehab start.

Roberts: Ohtani will not pitch for a while

By JACK HARRIS

Shohei Ohtani's knee is still bothering him.

And now, exactly when he will return to the mound for the Dodgers has become ominously unclear.

On Sunday, manager Dave Roberts announced Ohtani will not make a pitching start Wednesday as initially expected after the two-way star continued to feel discomfort in his bothersome left knee during catch play this weekend.

Roberts added that the team didn't know when Ohtani — who will continue to hit in the Dodgers lineup in the meantime — would pitch again but suggested "that it's going to be some time" before he is back on the bump.

"His knee, we just want to continue to give it the best chance to kind of get into a good spot," Roberts said. "And as he said, as we feel, it's the pitching and the torque of landing on that leg that kind of gets it upset."

Ohtani has not pitched for the Dodgers since July 3 while continuing to battle a knee problem that first surfaced in mid-June.

He had his final start before the All-Star break scratched last Friday, then skipped All-Star festivities to receive a lubricant injection in his knee last Sunday.

The team had hoped that treatment would allow the 32-year-old to resume pitching once the second half began.

Now, Ohtani's status is shrouded in more uncertainty, with Roberts unable to provide even a rough timeline for his return to the mound.

"It's not going to be a day-to-day thing," Roberts said. "The first step is getting him into a spot where he feels like, and we feel like, he can pitch and not regress. At that point in time, we can kind of read and react. I just can't even answer [when that might be] right now."

Roberts tried to downplay bigger-picture concerns over Ohtani's knee issue. He said he still fully expected the four-time MVP to pitch again this year. He described Ohtani's current layoff as more of a precaution, thanks to "where we're at and how we've put ourselves in a good spot" in the standings.

"Could he probably do it? Sure," Roberts said of Ohtani trying to pitch through his knee injury now. "But right now, the benefits just don't seem to outweigh the cost at this time of the season. I think we still have plenty of time to get him to a good spot."

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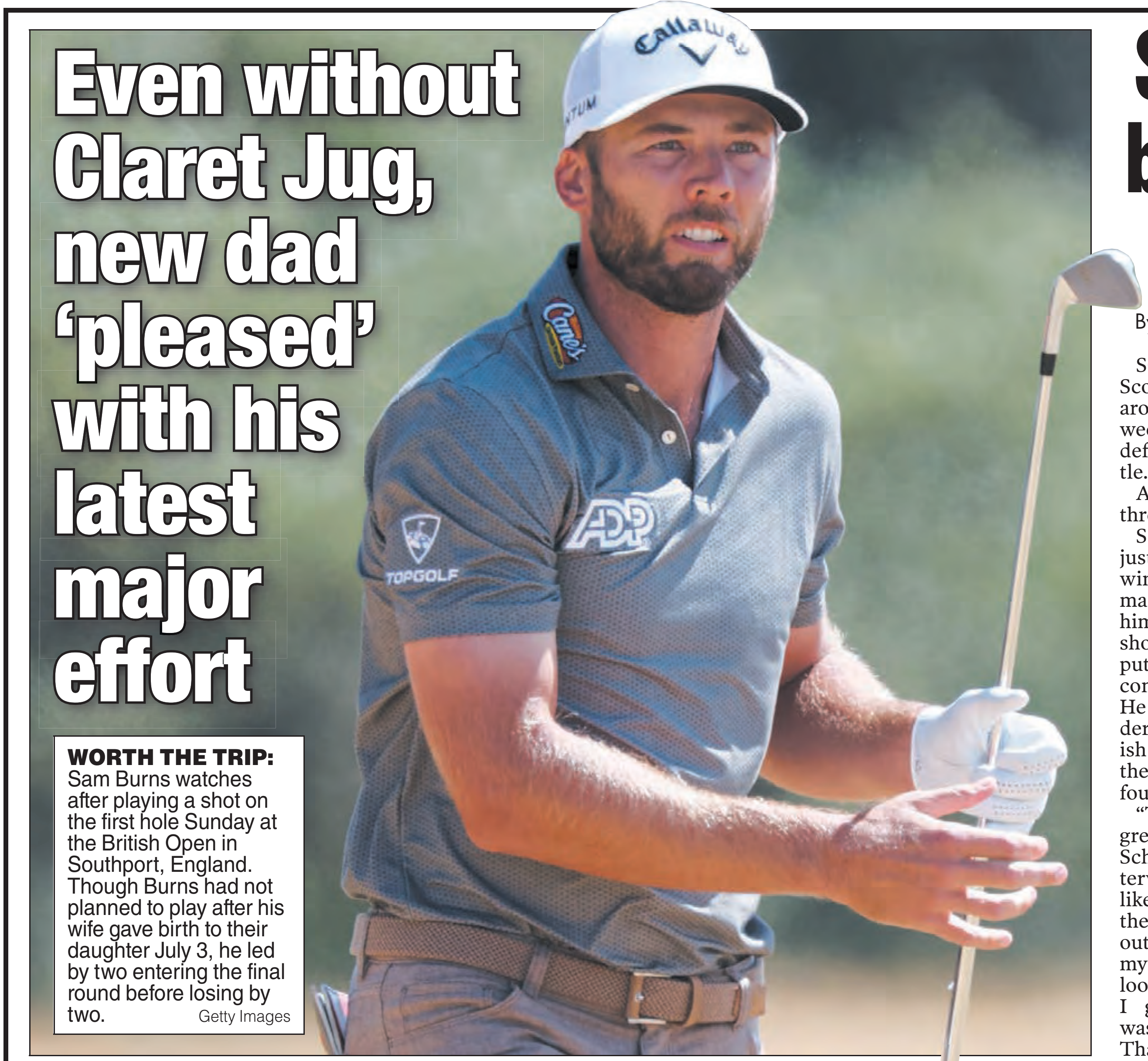

WORTH THE TRIP: Sam Burns watches after playing a shot on the first hole Sunday at the British Open in Southport, England. Though Burns had not planned to play after his wife gave birth to their daughter July 3, he led by two entering the final round before losing by two. Getty Images

BURNS BRIGHT

By MARK CANNIZZARO

SOUTHPORT, England — When we last left Sam Burns, he walked off the 18th hole at Shinnecock in tears last month after failing to win the U.S. Open.

On Sunday, across the Atlantic Ocean from eastern Long Island, Burns let another major championship slip through his fingers, this one the 154th British Open at Royal Birkdale. He took a two-shot lead into the final round but lost by two shots to winner Ryan Fox.

Burns began the day at 10 under par, shot a 2-over-par 72 on Sunday and finished at 8 under.

In a way, the week was a triumph for Burns, though, because he hadn't planned to come to England at all with wife Caroline having given birth to their daughter, Belle, on July 3.

Burns said his wife talked him into playing the British Open this week.

Still, this one had to hurt, given the 62 Burns shot Friday followed by a 65 on Saturday.

"Given the circumstances, I'm very pleased with the week," Burns said. "I'm looking forward to being home."

This is the latest heartbreak for Burns, who has now entered the final round with the lead in two majors and finished second.

"The more you put yourself in this position, the better," Burns said. "I played a lot of great golf this week. Unfortunately, I didn't have my best stuff today. Got off to a bad start, made a couple of mistakes early."

Burns actually began Sunday with a birdie on No. 2 to get to 11 under par, the lowest any player reached all week. But he made three consecutive bogeys on Nos. 4, 5 and 6 and never recovered.

Burns entered the final round of the 2025 U.S. Open at Oakmont with the 54-hole lead but struggled to an 8-over 78 in the final round.

At Shinnecock, he finished second and missed a 17-foot birdie putt on the final hole that would have forced a playoff.

This week was the best performance at a British Open for Burns, who revealed earlier in the week that he wasn't a big fan of links golf. His third-place finish this week easily eclipsed his previous best of a tie for 31st in 2024.

He now has top 10 finishes at three consecutive majors, finishing tied for seventh at the Masters, second at the U.S. Open and third at the British Open.

Scheffler stalls but encouraged amid drought

By MARK CANNIZZARO

BRITISH OPEN NOTES

SOUTHPORT, England — Scottie Scheffler hung around the leaderboard all week, lurking in his effort to defend his British Open title.

And in the end, he fell just three shots short.

Scheffler, who has won just once this year after winning 13 times in 2024-25, made a Sunday run, getting himself to within a couple shots of the lead. But his putter, as it did all week, continued to let him down. He shot a 3-under-par 67 to finish 7 under for the week, tied for fourth.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER

"Today was a great effort," Scheffler said afterward. "I felt like I was doing the right things out there. I gave myself a lot of looks again today. I guess it just wasn't my week. That stuff hurts.

"I was very proud of how I played this week when I felt like things weren't going my way. It was, mentally for me, a really, really good week."

➤ **Rory McIlroy**'s Open week never really got going, and it ended in a rather fitting way with a 1-over-par 71 final round to finish well out of it at 1 under par for the week.

"I [was] just sort of stuck in neutral for most of the week," McIlroy said after the round. "Even par over the weekend is not going to get it done. I just felt like any time I got a little bit of momentum out there, I seemed to make a bogey. Just one of those weeks I couldn't get it going."

In the end, McIlroy's week will be known most for his verbal takedown of **Bryson DeChambeau** on Saturday.

➤ McIlroy was asked if he'd like to see DeChambeau play the Irish Open, which will be played in September at Doonbeg, which is owned by **President Trump**, with whom DeChambeau is close.

"Having someone like Bryson at the Irish Open, yeah, it would be great for the tournament," he said.

➤ **Tommy Fleetwood**, the Southport native who was lifted by the adulation of the local crowds all week, did what he'd hoped to do early in his final round Sunday: get off to a good start.

He was 3 under par in his round through eight holes and got to 8 under for the tournament, just two shots off the lead at the time.

But the magic disappeared quickly. It was not to be, as Fleetwood bogeyed Nos. 9, 10 and 11 to fall back to 5 under, too far back.

As he walked up 18 to the loudest roars of the week, Fleetwood had tears in his eyes.

"Yeah, 18 was pretty emotional," he said. "It was just very, very special. There is disappointment that I didn't win today or I couldn't get it done when I was in a really good position ... but stuff like that, walking down 18 and the atmosphere out there, that was beyond stuff that I've dreamt of.

"Southport is a very, very special place to me. It's where I was born. It's where I grew up. I don't get that emotional, but yeah, that was heavy stuff. They were incredible."

➤ Little Silver, N.J.'s **Chris Gotterup**, who finished tied for third at last year's Open, faded Sunday. The Rutgers alum shot a 3-under-par 67, but he was never truly in contention this week and finished 3 under par for the tournament.

For DeChambeau, a quiet close to attention-grabbing Open run

By MARK CANNIZZARO

SOUTHPORT, England — Whatever the final outcome of the 154th British Open was going to be by day's end Sunday — winner of the Claret Jug or not — Bryson DeChambeau always was going to be remembered as the bull in the Birkdale china shop.

This Open, even without DeChambeau winning it, will forever be remembered as "The Bryson DeChambeau Show."

Just as DeChambeau, who craves attention like an alcoholic craves one more whiskey, wants it.

That made DeChambeau a winner at Royal Birkdale even though he never got his mitts on the Claret Jug or his name engraved on it.

He was a winner even though he didn't get to make a heartfelt winner's speech on the 18th green in front of the packed grandstands as is tradition for the "Champion Golfer of the Year."

DeChambeau is as much about making content as he is making birdies and winning golf tournaments. And man, did he deliver content this week — even if you didn't like it or agree with it.

The polarizing DeChambeau began Sunday's final round at 6 under par and four shots behind leader Sam Burns.

In Sunday's final round, DeChambeau went away quietly, shooting a buzzkill 2-over-par 72 to finish tied for 14th at 4 under par.

No disrespect to winner Ryan Fox, but the news cycle in this Open was dominated by DeChambeau and his dramatic antics.

Good for the tournament?

Good for golf?

That's for the eye of the beholder to decide.

Enjoy a dose of drama added to major championships? Perhaps so.

Turned off by needless nonsense that has nothing to do with the final outcome? Then no.

Make no mistake: DeChambeau adds drama. He, too, often adds needless nonsense. This is what makes him compelling — sometimes absolutely likable and other times detestable.

Now, he'll drift back into the relative anonymity of the fledgling LIV Golf tour as it limps to the finish line for the final few events of its 2026 season, with hopes of being thrown a lifeline from new investors.

The 32-year-old's week along the northwest coast of England was, at its core, adventurous.

It began with three-time Open champion Nick Faldo napalming him in an interview with Sky Sports, claiming DeChambeau "has zero clue of strategy."

Golf Channel studio analyst Brandel Chamblee, a frequent critic of DeChambeau, piled on, accusing him of being less interested in "chasing Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy than chasing [YouTube golf star] Grant Horvat."

DeChambeau opened the tournament with a 3-under-par 67 on Thursday to stand one shot out of the lead through 36 holes … and then refused requests from the R&A to speak to print and TV reporters; he again declined after his final round Sunday.

Things got very interesting Friday with the rules violation called on him, the animated discussion with R&A officials, the two-shot penalty assessed, DeChambeau threatening to pull out of the tournament and then running to the range to hit balls in the dark until 10:30 p.m.

On Saturday, while DeChambeau was on the course playing his third round, McIlroy, in his post-round interview, unabashedly trashed DeChambeau, saying he thought the penalty was more than "justified."

"I'm not particularly fond of him," McIlroy said. "I think a lot of it's performative. I think a lot of it's for attention."

In the end, DeChambeau's mediocre play in Sunday's final round drew little attention. It was the quietest thing he did all week.

BYE BRY': Bryson DeChambeau tips his cap after finishing on the 18th green to close out an eventful week at Royal Birkdale. Getty Images

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♋ **CANCER**
(June 22-July 23)
By all means enjoy yourself over the next few days but make sure it doesn't cost you too much financially. You friends will happily go along with your plans, and will just as happily let you pay the bills, but can you afford it?

♌ **LEO**
(July 24-Aug. 23)
Jupiter in your sign is a wonderful influence but it can make you a bit reckless, and today's Jupiter-Pluto link warns things could get out of hand if you don't use good judgment. Don't take risks just because other people ask you to.

♍ **VIRGO**
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
It's not like you to get emotional but over the next few days there will be times when you struggle to control your feelings. Maybe that's no bad thing. Maybe you need to show the world that love is as important to you as logic.

♎ **LIBRA**
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
You may not be your usual dynamic self over the next 24 hours as challenges at home and at work force you to think more and act less. You will need a long-term plan to deal with the many changes now taking place, so get one quickly.

♏ **SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You may be stubborn by nature but just saying "No" repeatedly is unlikely to bring much success. Your priority this week must be to understand why certain people keep making demands of you that you don't want to fulfill. What are their motives?

♐ **SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
All things are possible for you now but that does not mean you should try to do everything. Today's Jupiter-Pluto link will make it clear that you need to focus only on what is of most importance to you. Ignore everything else.

♑ **CAPRICORN**
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
The message of the stars today is that you need to have a clear vision of what it is you are hoping to accomplish, not just right now but for the rest of the year. Once you have that vision you can turn it into a workable plan.

♒ **AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It may seem as if the world is unfair, and of course it is, but there is no point trying to change everything yourself. Your task for the coming week is to identify areas where you can make a personal difference. Small efforts can lead to big changes.

♓ **PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
If you find yourself dealing with someone who is as set in their ways as you are in yours the best course of action by far is to back off and avoid confrontation. You don't HAVE to have a relationship, of whatever kind, with this individual.

♈ **ARIES**
(March 21-April 20)
You may have to make a decision you don't much like today but the planets warn you cannot be anything less than ruthless with someone you can no longer trust. If you don't make a change they will, and it won't be in your favor.

♉ **TAURUS**
(April 21-May 21)
You need to forget about the traditional way of doing things and bring your methods and routines up to date. If you are going to compete on a professional level you cannot continue to believe the old ways are the best, because they're not.

♊ **GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)
You will be getting plenty of advice from friends and colleagues as the new week begins, and some of it may even be good advice, but you would be wise to ignore it. The only voice you should be listening to is the one inside your head.

BIRTHDAY MONDAY
Jupiter's influence on your birthday will put a lot of big ideas into your head, but only some of those ideas are going to be worth pursuing. Rate them on how much they can benefit you personally. Don't worry too much about anyone else.

YES HE CAM —

One mistake costs hard-charging Westchester star, but

Mark Cannizzaro

SOUTHPORT, England — One shot.

This was the tantalizing margin that separated Cam Young from winning his first career major championship in Sunday's scintillating British Open final round at Royal Birkdale.

Young, who learned the game at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, where his father, David, was the head pro for two decades, took 271 shots this week.

It was the 268th of those that would cruelly cost him the greatest victory of his career.

Young didn't know it at the time. He was 10 under par and playing the 72nd hole of the tournament, knowing the lead groups had at least nine more holes to play and figuring he needed to stay at 10 under to have a chance to win or at least land in a playoff.

Young, who began the day seven shots out of the lead, was playing the round of his life. Birdies on the first three holes, four of the first five, a 29 on the front nine. He was on the move, getting it to 10 under with a birdie on 17.

His undoing was the treacherous 18th hole, a 504-yard par-4 with bunkers dotting the fairway like land mines. His tee shot ended up in a bunker to the right of the fairway.

He had 180 yards to the flag and, facing a steepish bunker, tried to hit an open-faced 6-iron out so he could run it up to the green, caught it a hair thin and heard a horrific "thud" sound.

The ball hit the face of the bunker and landed in the right rough. His third shot landed in a greenside bunker. He nearly holed out from there for par.

But in the end, the mistake caused a bogey 5, dropped Young to 9 under par and left him waiting for about 2 ½ hours in the players clubhouse praying for a playoff that would never come as Ryan Fox seized his opportunity with a walk-off birdie on 18, the very hole that cost Young three hours earlier.

This was Young's eighth top 10 finish in a major championship since 2022, the most of any player.

That run of contention — accentuated with what he did this week at Birkdale and particularly Sunday — is hard evidence that Young is going to win a major championship soon.

"This is just more confirmation that a win is in his future," his father David Young told The Post. "He's got what it takes to win on this scale. We know he can do it."

Young knows he can do it. His win at the Players Championship in March is proof. So too are his close calls at the majors, which include two runner-up finishes and five top five finishes. And let's not forget he was the best performer on the U.S. Ryder Cup team in the fall at Bethpage Black.

"You saw Cam at the Players this year finish off that tournament, and that can only help increase his confidence," world No. 1 Scottie Scheffler said Sunday. "Anytime you can be in those situations in which you're going to feel the most pressure and you're able to succeed, I think that can only give you confidence going forward.

"There's no reason that you can't feed off of those kinds of positive experiences. You're never really probably going to feel more pressure in golf than you do in our team events."

Asked what he took from this week without taking home the Claret Jug, Young pointed to the fact that he was nearly able to overcome his frustrating 73 Saturday, a round that left him furious.

"I ended up feeling I had a chance to win with not everything I've got," he said. "I think that's a good takeaway."

Young went to bed angry Saturday night, agitated by the 3 over he shot in the third round when he'd actually played well, hitting 15 of 18 greens and striking the ball well.

Yet he walked away feeling like he'd played

THISCLOSE: Cam Young, who charged up the leaderboard after starting the day seven shots back, reacts after just missing his shot from a greenside bunker for a par save on 18. It was a fairway bunker shot that may have doomed him, but if his greenside attempt had gone in, he likely would have been in a playoff for the Claret Jug. AP; Getty Images

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his major will come

himself out of the tournament.

But then, Young did what he does best — perhaps his superpower as a professional golfer: He put the disappointment behind him and got after it from the jump in his final round Sunday.

"He has a way of taking anger and immediately making it productive," Kyle Sterbinsky, Young's caddie and longtime friend, told The Post. "He came out hot and got off to a great start — exactly what we needed."

Young, knowing there had been three rounds of 62 posted in the previous two days, went to work and made a mad dash up the leaderboard.

He finished with a 6-under 64 and it got him to 9 under for the tournament, in the clubhouse lead and beginning an agonizing waiting game.

"He just continues to amaze me with how well he stuck to the plan they had all week," David Young said.

"I'm proud of the way I put it together," Young said. "I came out and I felt like I was really clear-minded all day. I had a really clear intention about what I was going to do. I just executed that really, really well, and it happened to add up to 64."

It just needed to add up to a 63.

One shot.

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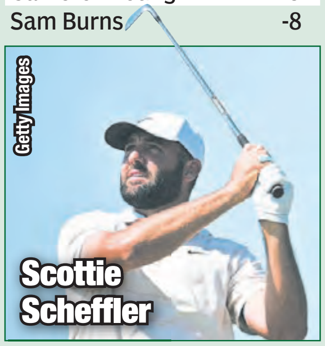
British Open

Royal Birkdale Golf Club
Southport, England

Final Leaderboard	
Ryan Fox	-10
Cameron Young	-9
Sam Burns	-8



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Scottie Scheffler	-7
Tommy Fleetwood	-7
Casey Jarvis	-6
Lucas Herbert	-6
Si Woo Kim	-6
Notables	
Adam Scott	-5
Ludvig Åberg	-5
Bryson DeChambeau	-4
Rory McIlroy	-1

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New Zealand's Fox wins it with birdie on 18

WALK-OFF WINNER: Ryan Fox celebrates after draining an improbable birdie on the 18th hole to nip Cam Young by a stroke and win the British Open.

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By MARK CANNIZZARO

SOUTHPORT, England — The 154th British Open ended the way every golf tournament should end.

With a walk-off birdie.

It was a dream ending for Ryan Fox — an ending the 39-year-old New Zealander once dared to dream but never thought would become reality.

Fox buried an 11-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole of Royal Birkdale to get to 10 under par and deliver a dagger of heartbreak to Westchester's Cam Young, who was standing on 9 under par and watching from the practice range, poised for a playoff.

There would be no playoff, because Fox mastered the most difficult hole on the golf course, No. 18, which had wrecked Young's round $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours earlier when he bogeyed it.

Major championship final-round, in-the-moment dreams are constructed exactly the way Fox played the 72nd hole.

He was tied with Young at 9 under as he stood on the 18th tee. He piped a drive down the center of the most difficult fairway on the course and had 176 yards to the hole.

He then delivered his 9-iron approach to birdie range, made the putt — for just the fifth birdie of the day from the field of 78 golfers — and raised his arms to the sky in celebration while Young quietly packed his things and left the premises as a second-time runner-up at the British Open, and third of his career in a major.

A short time later, Fox was handed the Claret Jug, one of the most fabled trophies in all of sport, in the winner's ceremony on the 18th green.

"It's the first time I've seen it up close," Fox said. "It's unbelievable. I still don't know what to think. My nerves are all over the place. I'm not quite sure how I hit that putt on 18. It is a dream come true."

The 72nd hole?

"I hit two perfect shots," Fox said. "I'm not sure how I hit the putt. My hands were all over the place. I was just trying to get it towards the hole somewhere. It's surreal that it went in. 'Champion Golfer of the Year' has got a pretty good ring to it."

Fox, shooting 68 in the final round after having posted a 62 on Saturday, edged out Young by one shot.

Fox — whose best finish in 29 previous majors was a tie for 16th at the 2019 British Open — finished two shots clear of Sam Burns, who entered the day with a two-shot lead.

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler made a move Sunday with a 67, but finished three shots short at 7 under.

Local favorite, Southport native Tommy Fleetwood, aka "Tommy Lad," made a front-nine run that got him to 8 under par and two off the lead and had Birkdale buzzing, but he couldn't sustain and finished at 7 under, same as Scheffler.

No one was better than Fox when it mattered most.

"Ryan played amazing," Burns, who had the front-row seat as his playing partner, said. "He's a well-earned champion. Hats off to him. He did what he needed to do down the stretch."

Fox became the second Open champion from New Zealand, joining Bob Charles, who won in 1963, and the fourth professional major champion from New Zealand, joining Charles, Michael Campbell, a U.S. Open winner, and Lydia Ko, a multiple major champion on the LPGA Tour.

"This is going to be huge down in New Zealand," said Fox, the son of New Zealand rugby legend Grant Fox. "I used to get up in the middle of the night to watch this tournament back home. I think deep down I probably thought I could compete with the best guys in the world, but until you actually do it, it's a bit harder to believe. Both wins last year [Canadian Open, Myrtle Beach] really made me believe that.

"I was kind of thinking that down the stretch today, like I'm in a position I feel like I could be in. To execute down the stretch is pretty awesome. My kids asked me to bring home a trophy for them, and this is about as cool a one as I can bring home, I think.

"You do dream of this moment. I don't know whether I ever thought it was going to become a reality. Now it is, and to have my name etched in the history of the game is pretty awesome."

LIFE IN THE FAST McLEAN

Rook's gem leads Mets over Phils

By MIKE PUMA

PHILADELPHIA — In different circumstances this would have been the kind of pitching performance that left the Mets convinced the top of their playoff rotation will be just fine.

That might still be the case, just not this year.

Nolan McLean dominated a formidable Phillies lineup Sunday afternoon. It was just the latest strong performance for the rookie — and maybe his best this season — in leading the Mets to a 6-1 victory at Citizens Bank Park.

The right-hander struck out 10 over six shutout innings, allowing only two hits and two walks. The Mets won the series rubber game, giving them a shred of momentum to open the post-All-Star break. But the reality is, the Mets are 16 games below .500.

McLean had a sixth straight start of pitching at least six innings, the longest such streak this season by a Mets pitcher. Along the way his ERA dropped to 3.34 — the lowest it has been since May 19.

McLean, who threw 93 pitches, said reliance on his sinker has fueled his success.

"I try to use it as much as possible because I just want to go deeper into games," he said. "Getting whiffs is great and all, but it's really hard to get a ton of whiffs and go deep into games. You have got to have soft contact somewhere in there and I think the sinker is going to be a pitch for me that is going to get a lot of that."

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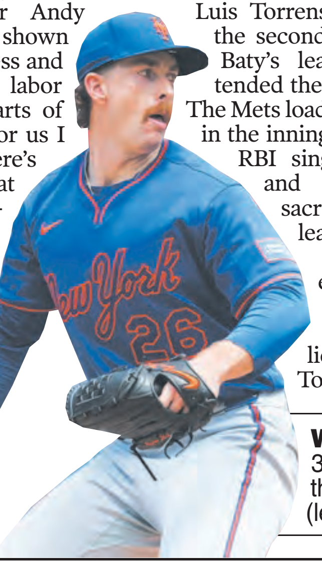
Other than a choppy stretch that began in mid-May and lasted about a month, McLean has been exactly what the Mets have wanted.

"It's a lot like a lot of rookie seasons for really good pitchers," interim manager Andy Green said. "He's shown flashes of greatness and then he's had to labor through other parts of the season. But for us I don't think there's any way to look at it other than really positive. The stuff is really good.

"We want him to pitch at the top of the rotation, so the challenge is always going to be out in front of him to continue to move up and get better. But I think when you are talking about rookies sitting in the three-and-change ERA range it's impressive and we still think you can be more impressive."



Francisco Lindor's two-run homer in the first inning got his team started. The Mets assembled a two-out rally, with Bo Bichette drawing a walk against Alan Rangel before Lindor connected for his sixth homer this season.

Luis Torrens' RBI double in the second, following Brett Baty's leadoff single, extended the Mets lead to 3-0. The Mets loaded the bases later in the inning and received an RBI single from Lindor and Carson Benge's sacrifice fly for a 5-0 lead.

Juan Soto delivered an RBI single in the sixth that buried the Phillies in a 6-0 hole. Torrens and A.J. Ewing each singled in the inning.

Alec Bohm homered against A.J. Minter in the seventh to give the Phillies their only run.

About the only drama McLean faced was in the sixth, when Trea Turner doubled against him for the Phillies' second hit and Kyle Schwarber walked. But McLean finished his afternoon strong by catching Bryce Harper looking on a 97 mph sinker.

"[McLean] threw strikes with every single pitch he had," Lindor said. "He showed how good he is against a really good lineup."

The double-digit strikeout game was the third of McLean's career and second this season — his last was on April 21 against Minnesota.

"They have got such good hitters," McLean said. "You still have got to go right after them and get ahead and baseball is so momentum-related when it comes to count control, so just getting that first strike and trying to beat them to two strikes before you get to two balls is everything."

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WHAT A DAY! Francisco Lindor, who went 3-for-3 with a home run, celebrates the final out of the Mets' 6-1 win over the Phillies. Nolan McLean (left) struck out 10 over six scoreless innings.

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'Confident' Lindor shows life at plate with 3-for-3 effort

By MIKE PUMA

PHILADELPHIA — Francisco Lindor has been a shell of himself since returning from the injured list, but Sunday he was the whole player.

The Mets shortstop homered in his first plate appearance and didn't stop until he had reached base five times in his team's 6-1 victory over the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park.

Lindor began the day with a .594 OPS since his return from the IL on June 24 (he missed two months with a calf strain). His defensive play has been just as shaky.

So, are the Mets about to receive a dose of the Lindor who has been a key figure in this lineup since 2021?

"I am extremely confident, and there's no other option," Lindor said when asked about returning to his All-Star level. "I have to play to a higher standard. I have to play to the level that the organization wants me and I have to play to the level that I expect myself to be."

Lindor delivered a 3-for-3 performance with three RBIs from the cleanup spot. He also walked twice, allowing him to reach base five times in a game for the fifth time in his career.

"I'm putting in the work, and the coaching staff here is helping me a lot," Lindor said. "We have three hitting coaches and they are all sending me videos and all putting in the time. And [bench coach] Kai [Correa], we all know Kai doesn't stop."

Lindor committed a throwing error a day earlier. Last Sunday he failed to turn a potential game-ending double play on a routine grounder, costing the Mets a victory.

Correa, who oversees the team's defense, told The Post that Lindor is still trying to catch up from the time he's lost this season. Before his calf injury, Lindor missed most of spring training due to hamate bone surgery.

"The biggest thing for him is he's trying to close the gap on the lack of a normal offseason, the lack of a normal spring training," Correa said. "The multiple serious issues, injuries, consecutively, without continuous play or a rehab assignment. Some of the things you see are mental mistakes that manifest as physical mistakes. It comes from the lack of game flow, where he's out there and not doing things without thought."

The Mets can only hope to receive a steady flow of production from Lindor as they attempt to avoid finishing as a complete embarrassment.

"We know who [Lindor] is and he has a long track record of being really good," interim manager Andy Green said. "The day before the All-Star break, that ended up being a tough day [on the botched double play], but he was swinging the bat really well, and made a ton of good plays that day. It's good to see him come out, enjoy playing baseball, play it really well and lead us to a win."

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SPLIT THE ’BILL

Jazz blast in nightcap helps Yanks salvage doubleheader, avoid sweep versus Dodgers

By GREG JOYCE

What Ryan McMahon thought was a ray of optimism might have sounded more frightening to those who have watched the Yankees over the past month.

“We got another game later today,” McMahon said in between games of a doubleheader Sunday, “so the day’s not completely spoiled yet.”

A few hours later, it looked headed that way thanks in part to another dismal offensive performance.

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But shortly after Fernando Cruz blew a one-run lead in the top of the eighth, Jazz Chisholm Jr. picked him up in the bottom of the frame, belting a home run the other way that lifted the Yankees to a 2-1 win over the Dodgers, splitting a doubleheader and avoiding a series sweep in The Bronx.

Chisholm’s disappointing year — “I’ve sucked all season,” he acknowledged Sunday night — has been one of the bigger reasons the Yankees lineup has faltered without Aaron Judge, but he has now saved them in two of their past six games with a go-ahead home run in the eighth inning or later.

“I think I just forget about all the stuff that happened early in the game and just lock in on that one at-bat,” Chisholm said. “Just try to help my team win any way I can.”

Sunday’s winning blast came off Dodgers reliever Evan Phillips in a 1-1 game and, along with some terrific work from the bullpen besides Cruz, proved to be just enough on a night when the Yankees squandered chances throughout, going 2-for-10 with runners in scoring position.

“That was a big win, obviously,” said Cody Bellinger, who has been scuffling for about a month but delivered an RBI single in the first inning for the 1-0 lead. “A really good team over there. ... Scraped one early and they kept us in this game, then Jazz with the huge homer.”

Even after getting dominated by Yoshinobu Yamamoto’s complete game in the opener Sunday afternoon, the Yankees (55-44) finished the day just 1 1/2 games back of the Rays (who were swept by the Red Sox) for first place in the AL East — the closest they have been since June 29.

The rematch of the 2024 World Series featured a pair of 2-1 games — the Dodgers (63-37) taking the second-half opener on Friday — and another close game in Sunday’s Game 1 (the Yankees trailed 3-1 entering the eighth) before the wheels came off as Aaron Boone used his lowest-leverage relievers in an attempt to save his best arms for the nightcap.

That was painful in the moment, but paid dividends in Game 2 as Boone pieced together a bullpen game — 2 2/3 innings from Ryan Yarbrough, 2 1/3 innings from Paul Blackburn, two innings from Brent Headrick, one-third of an inning from Fernando Cruz and 1 2/3 innings from David Bednar — to reach the finish line.

“You’re not sure exactly how you’re going to piece together the night game and a lot of people did a really nice job to allow us to get that victory,” manager Aaron Boone said.

The Dodgers, whose relentless at-bats forced Cam Schlittler out of Game 1 by the fifth inning, could not do the same in a battle of bullpen games in the nightcap, as the Yankees led 1-0 after seven innings. But Cruz entered for the eighth and his second pitch was a splitter over the heart of the plate that pinch hitter Tommy Edman lifted into the right field seats to tie the game 1-1.

Cruz went on to issue back-to-back walks with one out, leading Boone to call on Bednar to face the top of the order. Bednar entered and put out the fire, striking out Shohei Ohtani and getting Andy Pages to pop out.

Then, after Chisholm provided the lead, Bednar started off the ninth by walking Freddie Freeman on 10 pitches before retiring the next three batters in order.

“We trust [Bednar] for a reason,” Headrick said. “He’s the best closer in the game and we love having him on our team.”

Things could have been easier on the bullpen if the Yankees lineup had cashed in on key opportunities earlier in the game. They had runners on second and third with one out in the fourth inning but could not score. Then in the fifth, they loaded the bases with no outs and still could not push any of them across as Jasson Domínguez struck out, Chisholm popped out on the first pitch and Anthony Volpe whiffed on a full count — a flashback to Game 1 of the doubleheader.

But Chisholm found redemption in his final at-bat to salvage the day.

“I feel like we match up against any team in the league,” Chisholm said. “I feel like we beat ourselves a lot. That stuff, we’re going to clean up as it goes.

“I just feel like we got to keep on trusting each other. We’ve put in the work every day. Guys don’t come here and just not do anything. Guys come in here and work every day. That’s not the problem right now. I just feel like when we trust each other, we play a lot better.”

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SAVED THE DAY: Jazz Chisholm Jr. celebrates while rounding the bases after hitting a go-ahead solo homer in the eighth inning of the Yankees’ 2-1 victory over the Dodgers in the nightcap of a doubleheader. Cam Schlittler allowed three runs and didn’t make it out of the fifth inning (left) as the Bombers lineup mustered four hits in their 8-2 loss in Game 1. Bill Kostroun (2)

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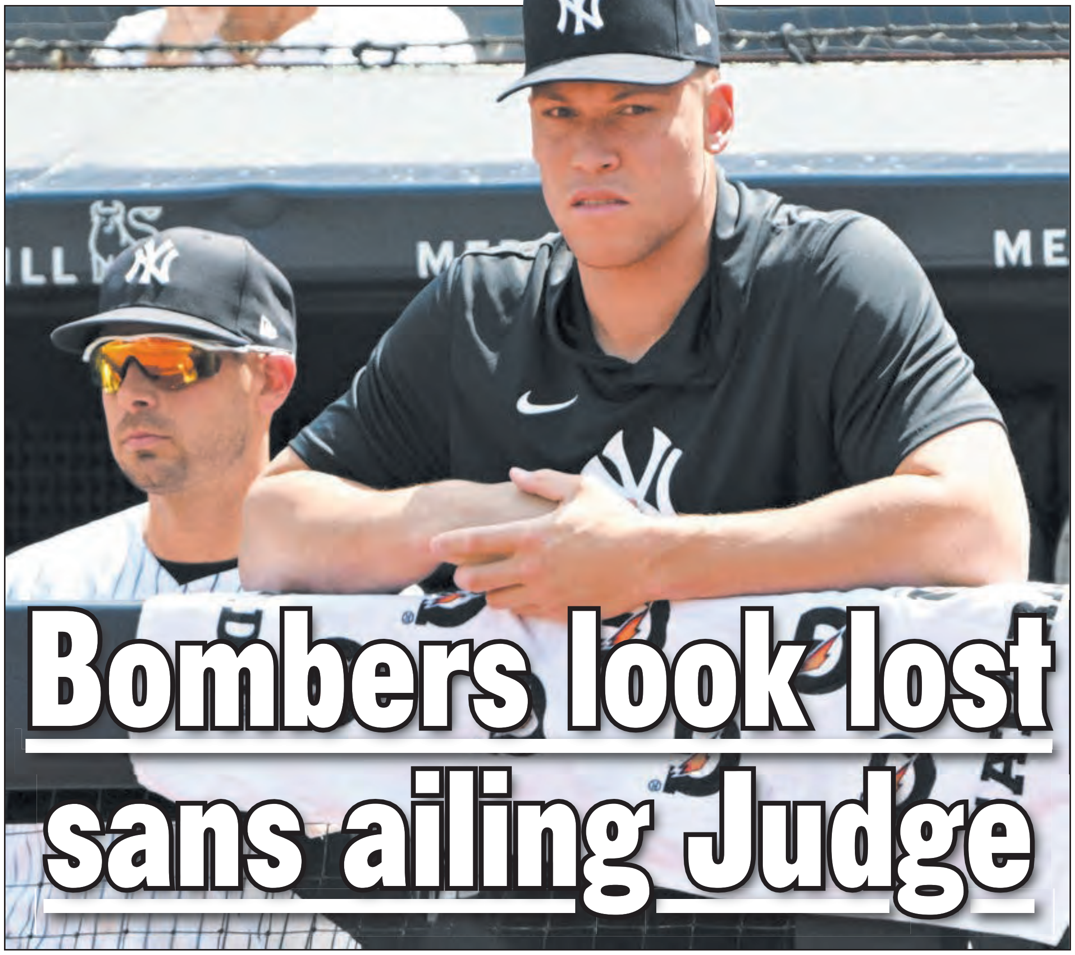
Bombers look lost sans ailing Judge



HARD TO WATCH: Aaron Judge, out since the last day of May, looks on from the dugout during the Yankees' 8-2 loss to the Dodgers in the first game of a doubleheader. Bill Kostroun

THE YANKEES have the second-best record in the American League and are closer to first than at any time in the last three weeks. Yet, it all just feels awful.

They salvaged the finale of a three-game set Sunday against the two-time defending champion Dodgers by winning a doubleheader nightcap 2-1. But even in victory, their biggest lingering issue did not dissipate. The Yankees scored five runs all weekend.

As great as Aaron Judge is, this isn't the NBA. No single player's loss should mean this much. But the team's lineup misses him roughly as much as a fish would water. And it is not as if Judge is near — at best he remains weeks away from returning from his fractured ribs.

Memo to the Yankees: The season is continuing without him. And if you hadn't noticed, while the Rays are losing a lot to draw the Yankees closer to the top of the AL East, the Red Sox have won 13 straight and the Orioles seven and there suddenly are seven teams at .500 or better in the subpar AL.

The Yankees are within 1½ games of the AL East-leading Rays, but they are within 4½ games of not being in a playoff spot. Yeah, it seems farfetched to miss the postseason — just like it was at this time last year with the Mets, who similarly played brilliantly through mid-June and then stopped. We kept waiting for them to restart and they never did.

The Yanks are edging too close to that scenario. They were 36-23 and averaging an AL-best 5.17 runs per game through May 31 with Judge. They are 19-21 and averaging 4.01 runs since — a period in which they have hit .226 with a .288 on-base percentage. And it has been steadily worsening since mid-June. The Yankees have managed more than five runs once in the last 27 games and averaged 3.22 runs per game.

If the Yanks were even league average offensively for the last month, they would probably be comfortably in first place considering they lead the majors in ERA.

"We have got to be more consistent offensively, first and foremost," Aaron Boone said. "That's been the biggest thing that I think has kind of ailed us through these few weeks."

It was somewhat understandable that the Yanks were held to two runs in the first game (an 8-2 loss) against Yoshinobu Yamamoto, one of the majors' best starters. But they scored the same two against a Dodgers bullpen game in the nightcap, in part because they had bases loaded and no out in the fifth with a chance to blow the game open and failed to score. They ultimately got the deciding hit, a tiebreaking Jazz Chisholm Jr. homer, in the eighth.

Joel Sherman

The Yanks' past four wins — a sweep to end the first half in Washington — and this nightcap have come via late-game homers after long stretches of offensive ineptitude. That suggests some poise. But not a strategy to consistently win.

For whatever the opposite of "Savages in the box" is, that has been the Yankees for too many Judge-less weeks now. The distance from them to the Dodgers at the plate was exemplified in the opener in how the lineups countered Cam Schlittler and Yamamoto, a marquee matchup for many reasons, including that both limit walks while still piling up strikeouts.

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Dodgers hitters met that challenge by relentlessly treating each pitch against Schlittler as a holy war while the Yankees all but presented a nine-man fetal position to Yamamoto.

Los Angeles second-place hitter Andy Pages saw 19 pitches in his first two at-bats, including eight two-strike foul balls against the put-away stuff of Schlittler. Yamamoto needed just 17 pitches to get through two perfect innings to open. That was part of the Dodgers fouling off 15 two-strike pitches in just the first three innings en route to working Schlittler, who was done after two runs, but 98 pitches in 4⅓ innings. Yamamoto pitched a complete game in 101 pitches.

"We have not done a good enough job [of grinding at-bats]," Boone said.

He said the Yankees have the personnel to do that even without Judge. But an opposing coach recently said that besides Trent Grisham and Ben Rice, the rest of the Yankees do not work at-bats deep and well enough to scare you. Cody Bellinger drove in two runs in last Tuesday's All-Star Game or as many as he has in the last 26 regular season games. Chisholm conceded, "I have sucked all season." Paul Goldschmidt looks as if he has been overplayed at age 38.

With the offense so dormant and a second game to play, Boone put his best relievers on ice and had his two worst, Jake Bird and Camilo Doval, allow seven straight Dodgers to reach and five runs in the eighth of what became a blowout. But the strategy worked, because in the nightcap Ryan Yarbrough and Paul Blackburn combined for five shutout innings to open to prevent the need for length from Elmer Rodríguez. The only blemish was a Tommy Edman eighth-inning homer off Fernando Cruz — the first he had allowed in 134 plate appearances.

Chisholm countered with a homer in the bottom half and the Yankees avoided a sweep. But they cannot avoid the truth. Judge is not returning anytime soon. The AL is tightening. And either they figure out how to score regularly or they will conjure more ugly comps to the 2025 Mets.

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INJURY REPORT

- **Carlos Rodón** (left elbow inflammation) received a second round of shots Friday (including a PRP injection) and is expected to throw a bullpen session at some point this week.
- **Giancarlo Stanton** (right calf strain) has started an outside running progression, according to Aaron Boone, but remains without a timetable for a return.

ON DECK

vs. Pirates

Monday, 7:05 p.m.,
YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

LHP Ryan Weathers

2026 stats:
3-7, 4.15 ERA

Career vs. PIT:
0-2, 2.77 ERA

Last start:
July 10, at WSN;
5.1 IP, 1 ER, 6 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

27%	24%	20%
4-Seamer	Change	Sweeper

RHP Braxton Ashcraft

2026 stats:
9-3, 3.49 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
First start

Last start:
July 11, vs. MIL;
5 IP, 5 ER, 2 BB

PITCH BREAKDOWN

32%	26%	23%
4-Seamer	Curve	Slider

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TUESDAY: vs. Pirates,
7:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Will Warren
vs. RHP Bubba Chandler

WEDNESDAY: vs. Pirates,
1:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Gerrit Cole
vs. RHP Mitch Keller

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OLD WOUND

TEN years ago, Lionel Messi had cried his way off this same MetLife Stadium pitch and choked up as he announced his retirement from international soccer.

This time, Sunday's tears were fresh. So was the heartbreak.

And at 39, this one may have been Messi's last Argentina heartbreak.

Brian Lewis

Messi's World Cup story ends with one last heartbreak

SPAIN IN THE NECK: Lionel Messi gets emotional after losing 1-0 in the final in what could go down as his final World Cup match. The loss was the latest in what has been an up-and-down career with Argentina.

Reuters; Getty Images

Messi might be the Greatest of All Time, but his time has come. In what could well be the final international appearance of his iconic career, Argentina got smothered 1-0 by Spain before 80,663 at MetLife Stadium.

The GOAT was slowed by Father Time, and stopped cold by the Best Defense Ever. He barely touched the ball and never had a chance to work his Messi Magic.

"We lost the game, and we accept that," Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni said. "That doesn't mean that we will forget everything we've done so far, so I'd like to thank my people, my players and the country. I can tell them that we played our hearts out."

Messi has publicly declared this would be his World Cup swan song.

Granted, he'd tearfully announced his retirement a decade ago after losing the Copa América at MetLife Stadium. Then he hinted the 2022 World Cup would be his last.

There could always be a snowball's chance he'll return for the next Copa América in 2028. But Scaloni — who has told fans to enjoy watching Messi while they can — insisted he had no clue if the star would be back.

"No," Scaloni said. "Truth be told, I didn't speak to Leo.

"He's 39 years old now. Unbelievable. So there's nothing new to discover from my side. It was crystal clear for me that he's going to play up until he decided to do so. … I hope everyone feels proud of him, of what he's achieved, because he's the best football player ever stepping foot on a pitch. I have no doubts about this. What he did during this World Cup was incredible, but also what he did before this."

What Messi had already done was take a jackhammer to soccer's Mount Rushmore and knock off every other icon besides Pelé. He'd made himself one of the two biggest icons in the world's biggest sport.

Back on June 26, 2016, Messi had missed a huge penalty in Argentina's Copa América final shootout loss, his third straight defeat in a major international final. After years of individual dominance but team disappointment, he tearfully declared, "I've done all I can … it's evident that this is not for me."

But Messi stormed back with a late-career run that would've made LeBron James and Tom Brady jealous. Since that loss, he won the 2022 FIFA World Cup, a pair of Copa América crowns and the Finalissima.

But once again on Sunday, MetLife Stadium was a finals nightmare for Messi. As was a dominant defense focused on him.

"We had a game plan where the first idea was to keep Messi at bay," said Spanish manager Luis de la Fuente, whose team conceded just once in seven matches and set a World Cup record with seven clean sheets.

Starved for possession, Argentina got outshot 20-2.

And Messi — who had eight goals and four assists — managed just 15 first-half touches. His 117th-minute shot was Argentina's first of the day.

By then, Spain's Ferran Torres had already stepped on Messi's moment, scoring 37 seconds into the second half of extra time. And after coming up huge in late-game comebacks against Egypt and England, this time Messi couldn't break through.

After going down to 10 men, Argentina was holding on for penalties. That went out the window after Torres' winner left Argentina gutted. Drained, Messi collapsed on his back, hands covering his face as he sobbed.

But don't cry for Messi, Argentina. He's had not just a generational career but a historic one — even if he might be ready for the history books.

After the final whistle, young Spanish star Lamine Yamal — 20 years Messi's junior — crossed the field to give the aging icon a hug. The GOAT being consoled by the young buck, the greatest of all time handing off the torch in a sign that his time may finally be done.

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Martínez's record 11 saves can't stop the inevitable

By MICHAEL DUARTE

For 106 minutes, Emiliano "Dibu" Martínez authored the kind of World Cup final performance that goalkeepers dream about and the history books remember forever.

It just didn't end with the World Cup trophy.

Spain eventually broke through Argentina's resistance in extra time, escaping with a 1-0 victory after Ferran Torres buried the game-winner past Martínez from close range.

The goal crowned Spain as World Cup champions for the second time — and first since 2010 — but it also put a punctuation mark on one of the greatest individual goalkeeping displays ever seen in a final.

Martínez saved a World Cup final-record 10 shots in regulation before finishing with 11 saves in all.

Time after time, as Spain kept carving open Argentina's defense, Martínez would come up with the save to snuff out the attack. He dove full stretch in every direction, smothered point-blank chances and punched away dangerous crosses. He made impossible saves look routine throughout the match and without him, the final would have been over long before extra time.

Argentina managed just two shots all afternoon, the first coming off the foot of Lionel Messi in the 117th minute. Spain dominated possession, dictated the tempo and unleashed 20 shots, wave after wave relentlessly crashing against Martínez like the Atlantic against a Spanish cliffside.

But even the strongest of walls eventually crack.

In the 106th minute, Pedro Porro floated a teasing cross toward the back post where Nico Williams stretched to nod the ball back to Torres across the face of the goal. Torres, who had yet to score in the tournament, drilled home the goal that delivered Spain its second title.

For Martínez, it was the one save he couldn't make.

The cruel ending felt especially harsh considering what the Aston Villa goalkeeper had endured simply to reach the final. Martínez revealed before the match that he played the entire World Cup with a fractured ring finger on his right hand, an injury suffered during warmups before Aston Villa's Europa League match in May. Rather than undergo surgery, he delayed the procedure and fought through weeks of pain.

"My hand still hurts," Martínez admitted Friday.

Ironically, Spain goalkeeper Unai Simón won the Golden Glove award for the tournament's best goalkeeper and made history at the opposite end of the field without making a single save.

Years from now, history will remember Spain lifting the trophy in front of a tearful Messi.

It should also remember that for 106 unforgettable minutes, Martínez nearly stole it from them with nothing but two battered hands and extraordinary resolve.

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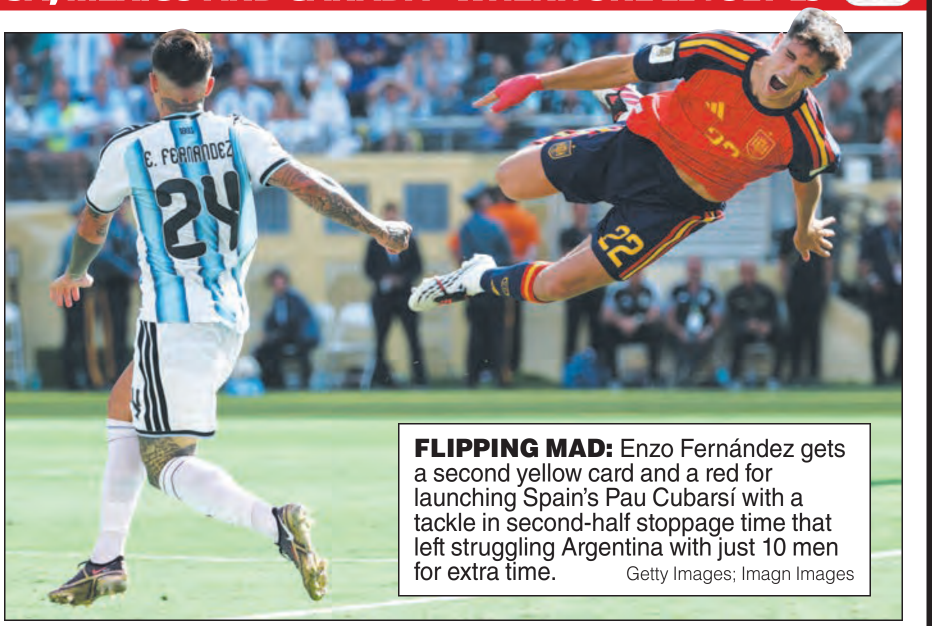

FLIPPING MAD: Enzo Fernández gets a second yellow card and a red for launching Spain's Pau Cubarsí with a tackle in second-half stoppage time that left struggling Argentina with just 10 men for extra time. Getty Images; Imagn Images

Red card upends Argentina's hopes

By MICHAEL DUARTE

Enzo Fernández lived on both sides of the emotional coin in the World Cup.

Five days ago, he was the hero who rescued Argentina with a stunning late equalizer in the semifinal against England. But on the sport's biggest stage, he went from savior to scapegoat in a matter of minutes.

His red card in second-half stoppage time didn't just put Argentina in a precarious position down a man, it stripped the defending champion of its last realistic path to win the match, ultimately falling to Spain in the World Cup final 1-0 in extra time.

"Enzo's sending off ... I think the first yellow card could have been avoided by the referee, but it is what is," Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni said. "Of course he wasn't thinking about booking him with a second yellow card. It's a World Cup Final and I think there's things that could have been avoided."

After already struggling to create anything on offense against Spain's suffocating press, Argentina had failed to register a single shot in regulation. As the game was headed to extra time, Argentina was hoping to survive and find one fleeting moment on the counterattack to steal victory from the jaws of defeat against Spain.

Then Fernández lost his composure.

In the 82nd minute, Fernández was shown a yellow card for dissent after protesting a non-foul decision by Slovenian referee Slavko Vincic. It was a needless booking from one of Argentina's emotional leaders, but it would soon become more significant than anyone realized.

Ten minutes later, disaster struck. As Pau Cubarsí chased a loose ball near midfield, Fernández lunged into a reckless challenge that left Vincic with little choice but to show the Argentine midfielder a second yellow and in turn, a red card. Argentina was down to 10 men with stoppage time winding down and an additional 30 minutes of extra time still left to play.

Fernández walked slowly toward the tunnel as Spanish supporters erupted while thousands of Argentine fans stood silent inside MetLife Stadium, fully aware that the mountain in front of their team had suddenly become almost impossible to climb.

Fernández became just the sixth player ever sent off in a FIFA World Cup final, joining one of the tournament's most exclusive and infamous lists. Rather than being remembered for his thunderbolt against England that carried Argentina into the championship match, his tournament will forever include one of the defining mistakes of the final itself.

It's unlikely Argentina, completely dominated by Spain all day long, would have won anyway, but Fernández's one reckless challenge all but extinguished them.

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Spain uses its collective power to hoist Cup trophy for second time

KINGS OF SPAIN: Lamine Yamal hoists the World Cup trophy shortly after Ferran Torres (right) slipped the winning goal past Emiliano Martínez (left).

AP (2); Getty Images

By ETHAN SEARS

The World Cup of stars ended with a trophy lift for the team whose strength lies in its collective.

Spain, so understated in its brilliance, is on top of the world, winning a championship with 1,000 cuts. The last came in East Rutherford on Sunday when Ferran Torres' left foot gave Spain its deliverance after 106 long minutes.

After an afternoon Spain spent searching for a way past the imperious Emiliano Martínez, that was all it needed for a 1-0 victory and the second World Cup title in its history.

"I cannot express it with words," Rodri said. "It's like we're in a cloud."

"Happiness," manager Luis de la Fuente said, "must feel like this."

It would be inaccurate to say Spain won this tournament without any stars given Lamine Yamal's prominence both on the field and commercially, and given that Rodri is a former Ballon d'Or winner who rightly won the tournament's Golden Ball on Sunday. But all tournament long, their contributions were almost entirely off the scoresheet. The team was the star.

So it was on Sunday when Spain, just like it has all tournament, wrapped its grip around Argentina until a goal felt inevitable. De la Fuente's

Winning

By HOWIE KUSSOY

Rodri received the Golden Ball. Lamine Yamal may own the future.

But the moment belonged to an oft-criticized substitute from Spain.

At the tail end of a brilliant World Cup run defined by a defense that allowed just one goal in eight matches (the fewest ever by a champion), Ferran Torres became Spain's unlikely hero, coming off the bench and swooping in to score his first goal of the tournament to break a scoreless tie in the 106th minute of Sunday's final against Argentina, giving Spain a 1-0 victory at

SPAIN	**1**	**Extra time**
ARGENTINA	**0**	

side plays soccer like a current runs through a river. Before you notice it, they have total control.

That control was almost never in question Sunday. Even as the match stayed scoreless, for the entire second half, it seemed only a matter of time.

Martínez made sure it would be as much time as possible, with a World Cup final-record 10 saves in the 90 minutes of regulation time, but Argentina had no answer beyond physical antics that made it a deserving loser.

Enzo Fernández, who had scored the game-tying goal in the semifinal against England, was sent off after 92 minutes, earning a second yellow card for a late challenge on Pau Cubarsí. That left Argentina — which had played as if it were a man down all afternoon — clinging on for dear life.

They made it as far as extra time, where twice in the first seven minutes, Nico Williams had golden chances to take the lead for Spain. The first, off his head, was denied by Martínez's best save of the day. The second, which ended up in the net, was wiped off due to Mikel Merino's foul in the buildup.

Williams, though, didn't squander a third opportunity, after Pedro Porro's cross found him at the back post. Instead of heading it toward Martínez, he sent it backward, where the left foot of Torres smashed it into an open net.

"In the end, the goal belongs to 47 million people," Torres told Spanish broadcaster TVE. "Not me, nor we 26 players here. Destiny was written today. We were going to win."

Like Andrés Iniesta in Johannesburg in 2010, Torres flew toward the corner flag and was surrounded by joyous teammates. There were 14 minutes left, plus stoppage time, and that an exhausted, 10-man Argentina side began to produce chances under such circumstances only raised the question of whether this was possible all along.

With Argentina pinned back for nearly the duration, Lionel Messi was largely a footnote in what could be his final game with the national team. The most memorable moment of his day ended up being Yamal, after the final whistle, walking to Argentina's end to hug Messi before the latter sank to the ground in tears.

Sadly for Argentina, the only contributions its outfield players made Sunday were hard-charging tackles — some of which resulted in bookings, others that were lucky to avoid them. It was a cynical way to play a World Cup final, and Leandro Paredes grabbing Eric García's neck after the final whistle crossed the line into disgrace.

Lionel Scaloni — who burned through all five of his subs by the 70th minute — was without answers for this Spain team, just like France coach Didier Deschamps before him.

Against this version of Spain, perhaps there were none.

"Of course it hurts. It's tough," Scaloni, who would end his news conference early in tears, said through an interpreter. "We couldn't compete head to head today when it came to football."

La Roja ended the tournament allowing one goal in eight games, and holding Argentina without a shot until the 117th minute. For all the attention on Yamal, center back Pau Cubarsí won the tournament's Best Young Player, and has a case as the best 19-year-old in Spain's lineup.

Not only are Spain world champions, but they were the first European champion to beat the South American champion in a World Cup final. Their country holds the Women's World Cup as well.

"Once we finished the game, there were footballers — the ones who have been here the longest — who said, 'Coach, now what else is there to win,' " de la Fuente said. "We've won everything in all the categories.

"We came to the conclusion that what remains is the next match in September, as this team is relentless."

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goal proves to be sub kinda wonderful

MetLife Stadium.

Torres, 26, is just the second substitute to score the winning goal in a World Cup final, joining Germany's Mario Götze, who also scored in extra time in 2014 to defeat Argentina.

"In the end, the goal belongs to 47 million people, not me, nor [the] 26 players here," Torres told Spanish broadcaster TVE. "Destiny was written today. We were going to win."

Spain entered as favorites, but made the defending champs look like a bigger underdog every minute, controlling possession, while preventing Argentina from recording a shot on goal the entire match. Spain took 20 shots (including 12 on target), but the dominance didn't make a dent on the scoreboard, as Emiliano Martínez made 11 saves — the most by a goalkeeper in a final in at least 60 years.

In the 96th minute, Martínez received help from the officials, who controversially took away a Nico Williams goal. The champs had just 10 men, but just needed to keep Spain off the board for another 15 minutes or so to send the match to a shootout, where Argentina defeated France in the 2022 final.

"All finals are difficult," Torres said, "But when you have [Lionel] Messi on the other team, you always get nervous."

Before the greatest player of all time could produce perhaps the greatest moment of his career, Torres delivered one of the most iconic goals of all time.

Torres, who hasn't started since the opening match of the tournament, recorded two goals in the 2022 World Cup — when Spain was eliminated in the Round of 16 against Morocco in a shootout — but he entered in the 62nd minute in New Jersey having come up empty on 11 shots in this World Cup.

Then, the Barcelona forward who has faced relentless criticism for his inconsistent finishing ability, put himself in position to instantly alter millions of opinions.

As Williams ran to the byline to keep the ball in play with a header, Torres found open space and pounced on the ball, unleashing a rocket under the crossbar for the final goal of the tournament's 104th match — and the forever moment of Spain's second World Cup triumph.

"It's a huge feeling of liberation," Torres said. "I've been criticized a lot during this World Cup, but destiny was written. I thank God, who always gives me strength to continue. Things come to those who deserve them."

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CORNER KICKS

By Howie Kussoy

HERO

With one kick, **Ferran Torres** wrote the first line of his obituary. Roughly 10 minutes after having a go-ahead goal controversially wiped away, Spain's Nico Williams headed a cross backward from the byline, finding Torres — who came on as a substitute in the 62nd minute — for the World Cup-winning goal in the 106th minute. Torres' first goal of the tournament gave Spain its second World Cup title (2010).

ZERO

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Argentina looked like it had fewer players nearly the entire match. Then, **Enzo Fernández** truly left his nation short-handed. Fernández, who first received a yellow card in the 82nd minute for dissent, essentially sealed his team's fate when he was booked for another yellow card — equaling a red card — in stoppage time, leaving Argentina to play extra time with only 10 players.

UNSUNG HERO

Goalkeeper **Emiliano Martínez** — who made the Cup-winning save four years earlier — did everything in his power to make up for an Argentina squad that was outplayed and outmanned, making 11 saves in the 1-0 loss, which marked the most in a World Cup final in at least 60 years.

KEY STAT

0 Official shots on goal for Argentina. Lionel Messi and the defending champs failed to register a shot, while Spain recorded 12 shots on target. Argentina became the first team in 60 years to take zero shots of any kind through the first 90 minutes of the final.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We just have a lot of tough guys, a lot of guys that don't quit. Everybody in this locker room has faced adversity, and wouldn't be here if they didn't. So whenever we're down, we don't panic." — Ferran Torres

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

Fashion fanatics may appreciate the insights **"Marc by Sofia"** (HBO Max) offers — considerably more than the average audience, who likely will shrug their shoulders with indifference. **OUR CALL: SKIP IT**

WHAT TO WATCH

A lot has changed since **"King of the Hill"** debuted in 1997, but one thing has remained a constant: the Hill family and the rest of their fellow Rainey Street residents will always bring the laughs. Now in its 15th season—the second installment of its Hulu revival—"King of the Hill" still reigns supreme among its animated comedy counterparts.

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WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

'ORANGE' YOU GLAD SHE'S BACK?

'RHOC's Vicki Gunvalson talks her return to the Bravo franchise

Michael McWeeney

Vicki Gunvalson (above) returned to "The Real Housewives of Orange County," alongside Tamra Judge and Shannon Storms Beador (below left).

By KAREN KEMMERLE

The OG of the "OC" is back! After a four-year pause, Vicki Gunvalson made her triumphant return to **"The Real Housewives of Orange County"** for its groundbreaking 20th season. Gunvalson feels very "blessed" to be asked back to the franchise she helped start with Bravo boss Andy Cohen. Gunvalson still gets "emotional" when she thinks back to when Cohen offered her an orange and a chance to return to the show during last year's BravoCon. "I think I cried all night and I slept with the orange," remembered Gunvalson. "I'm still sleeping with the orange. It's all rotted. It's got hair on it, but it's beautiful."

During the Season 20 premiere, it was clear that Gunvalson hasn't missed a beat. Balancing life between her beloved Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Coto de Caza, California, Gunvalson is still whooping it up at Andale's while running her wildly successful business, Coto Insurance and Financial Services. She's also still caught between her feuding friends, Shannon Storms Beador and Tamra Judge. Gunvalson now just tries to keep the peace. "They may never be friends like they were before, but if they could be kind to each other and move on… that is the best gift I could ask from them," said Gunvalson. Luckily, Gunvalson teased that the two may be in a better place before the season's end. "There will definitely be an evolution in their friendship," said Gunvalson.

Gunvalson used her own friendship bump with Heather Dubrow as an example of how Beader and Judge could handle their issues. In the premiere episode, Dubrow was upset with Gunvalson because she felt that Gunvalson insinuated that the fortune that she and her husband have amassed was "inherited" rather than earned. "We were able to question each other, come to an understanding, and then we move on," said Gunvalson. "I love Heather and Terry. They're good people." Gunvalson said finding a resolution "after a question or a conflict" is "the best part of this whole process."

DECIDER: Vicki, thank God you're back on our screens!

VICKI GUNVALSON: I know! What was I doing for four years? Waiting for my phone to ring, waiting for an email. I got nothing.

How does it feel to be back on "RHOC" where you belong?

Oh, it feels great. I'm just so blessed and so happy. I did **"Watch What Happens Live"** the other night and had a blast. It feels really good to be back. I don't take it for granted.

Well, let's get into the "Real Housewives Of Orange County" Season 20 premiere! I feel for you because you are clearly caught in the middle of Shannon and Tamra's constant issues. How do you balance those two friendships?

I just try to keep the peace. They may never be friends like they were before, but if they could be kind to each other and move on… that is the best gift I could ask from them. I said, "You guys, we're all going to be working together for the next four or five months. Can't we just get along?" You're going to see them go through a transition throughout the season. I think everybody's going to be happy.

I know Andy asked you about what went down between Shannon and Tamra at the Quiet Woman during the filming of "RHUGT: Roaring 20th." Were the other wives truly horrified—like Heather said—by their behavior?

It was really embarrassing at the Quiet Woman, which is in the first city we stopped at. Then we went to Beverly Hills, Atlanta, Miami, and then finally New York. I was so excited about having the girls come to Orange County. Some of them have never been there. So, I'm like: "Let's go to the Quiet Woman. It's a really small mom and pop restaurant. Let's have a nice dinner." Tamra and Shannon ruined the evening. The night wasn't supposed to be about their personal drama. We weren't filming "RHOC." We were filming a different show with a very special group of women. It was really disappointing for me.

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TRENDING NOW

A whole new generation of kids might be getting their own version of **"The Mickey Mouse Club."** Deadline broke the news that Disney+ has ordered a pilot for a reboot of the hit variety show, which helped launch young talent like **Ryan Gosling** (bottom left) to stardom.

WHAT'S NEW

ON HGTV

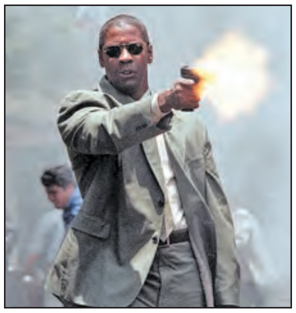
"**Ugliest House in America**," hosted by **Retta** (left).

ON THE ROKU CHANNEL

"**Solo Traveling with Tracee Ellis Ross**," Season 2 of the travel series.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight



THRILLER

Man on Fire: 4:30 p.m. on SYFY. Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. A former agent is recruited by a wealthy couple to protect their daughter.

ADVENTURE

Back to the Future: 8 p.m. on AMC. Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. A 1980s teen travels to the past in a DeLorean and must get his parents together.

COMEDY

School of Rock: 8:28 p.m. on PARMT. Jack Black, Joan Cusack. A failed rock star takes a job as a fourth grade substitute teacher at an uptight private school.

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SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies 🟥 Sports 🟩 New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Survivor: Epic Party: An unexpected injury forces contestants to alter their tactical plans. Consequently, the team must adapt to assist their hurt companion. (R)						CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	New York Live	American Ninja Warrior: Central Regional Qualifying 1				The Wall: Emma & Chrissy		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Extra	TMZ	The 1% Club: I'm Just Dumb		(9:02) The Quiz with Balls: Hunters vs Vegetarians		The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro		Celebrity Family Feud: AFC Champions vs NFC (R)		Celebrity Family Feud: Sheila E. vs En (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Desperate		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Pandora	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld: Mom & Pop	The Big Bang Theory	All American: Fight For Your Right		Penn & Teller: Fool Us: Full Frontal Magic (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: Nose Job
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Antiques Roadshow: Denver Botanic Gardens (R)		Antiques Roadshow: Denver Botanic Gardens (R)		POV: The Dating Game			Amanpour
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Patience		Grantchester (R)		Downton Abbey: Part Six				BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	GZero	Azadi	Who She Is	Vanguard W	Her B Idea	Day's Work	Buzz	Start Up	The NYC F	Walkin NYC	Roadtrip
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Blue	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.: Reform		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.: Promise	
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47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Operación Triunfo				El Señor de los Cielos		Lejos de Ti: Un terrible		Noticiero	Noticias
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: Prescription		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Live PD (R)	Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts		(10:01) Late Night Law		(11:04) Live PD: Shifts (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	(6:00) Sixteen Candles (1984, Comedy)			Back to the Future (1985, Science Fiction) Michael J. Fox. PG ★★★★					Back to the Future Part II (1989) ★★★½		
BBCAM	71	101	189	(5:30) Predator (1987, Science Fiction)			The Fifth Element (1997, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. PG-13 ★★★½						Law & Order: Admissions	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		BIG3 Basketball				Lot Patrol	Lot Patrol	Lot Patrol	Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below (R)	Below Deck (R)		Below Deck: Match Me		McBee Dynasty: Impressions			Next Gen NYC (R)		Below (R)
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: Dream, P2		The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	
DISC	66	27	120	Contraband	Contraband: Episode 7		Contraband: Episode 4		120 Hours: Parish Jail		120 Hours: Clay County		(11:01) Contraband (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Descendants: Wicked Wonderland			Phineas	Phineas	(10:35) Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	With the Kardashians (R)	
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	MLB Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies. Live.						MLB Baseball Live.			
ESPN2	29	35	74	Foxworth	Athletes Unlimited Softball: Spark vs. Blaze Live.				NFL Live		30 for 30		30 for 30	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		How America Works		How America Works		How America Works		How America Works	
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Pitmasters: Meat Your Competition, P1			Pitmasters: Trifecta of Live Fire			Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	38	49	199	(6:05) Cars 2 (2011, Comedy) Larry the Cable Guy. ★★½				(8:35) Cars 3 (2017, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo. G ★★★					The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	World Cup	The Basketball: Regional Round: Game 2 Live.				The Basketball: Regional Round: Game 1 Live.				FIFA World Cup (R)	
FX	10	40	53	Bourne ★★½	Ant-Man (2015, Action) Paul Rudd. PG-13 ★★★					Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018, Action) Paul Rudd. PG-13 ★★★★				
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Coyote Creek Christmas (2021)			Christmas Island (2023, Holiday) Rachel Skarsten.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Ugliest House in America		Crashers: Don't Rain		Crashers: Sharing	
HIST	40	47	128	World War	World War II w. (R)		World War II w.		World War II w.		(10:03) History's Grea.		(11:05) World War II w. (R)	
ID	23	171	123	Neighbor	Fear Thy Neighbor		Fear Thy Neighbor		A Killer Among Friends		Lethally Blonde		Lethally Blonde	
LIFE	62	45	140	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper		(10:03) Dr. Pimple Popper		(11:03) Dr. Pimple Popper	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Basketball			New York Knicks		New York Knicks		NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.										
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NATGEO	65	162	121	Airport (R)	Airport Lost (R)		APOLLO: Missions to the Moon (R)				(10:08) Apollo: Impossible		(11:08) Apollo: Mission (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	(11:15) Big Bang Theory	
OWN	173	180	145	Videos	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Vacation (2015, Comedy) Ed Helms. R ★★½				(8:28) School of Rock (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack.					Vacation (2015) R ★★½	
SNY	26	60	77	Amazin'	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Milwaukee Brewers. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	(4:30) Man on Fire (2004, Action) R ★★★½			I, Robot (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith. PG-13 ★★★					M3GAN (2023, Horror) Allison Williams.		
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	When in Rome (1952) Van Johnson. ★★★			9 to 5 (1980, Comedy) Jane Fonda. PG ★★½					Ruthless People (1986) Danny DeVito. R		
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: The Last Resort		Little Singles		(10:01) 90 Day: Last		(11:01) 90 Day Diaries (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	King of the Monsters ★★½		Meg 2: The Trench (2023, Action) Jason Statham. PG-13					Deep Blue Sea (1999, Thriller) Saffron Burrows. R ★★½			
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		WNBA Basketball: Minnesota Lynx at Seattle Storm.			
VH1	19	52	217	(5:00) Norbit (2007) ★½		Kicking and Screaming (1995, Comedy) Josh Hamilton. R ★★★					Norbit (2007, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. PG-13 ★½			
WE	59	42	149	Minds	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
YES	53	89	76	Pregame	MLB Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at New York Yankees. Live.						Postgame	YanksExtra	Home Plate	BK Show
HBO	511	301	400	(5:35) A Complete Unknown (2024) ★★★			House of the Dragon (R)		Life Larry	(9:44) Hereditary (2018, Horror) Toni Collette, Alex Wolff. R ★★★				
MAX	531	371	420	(6:20) Bad Santa 2 (2016, Comedy) ★★½			(7:53) The Hitman's Bodyguard (2017, Action) R ★★★				Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard (2021) R ★★½			Companion
MGM Plus	595		395	(6:05) The Thomas Crown Affair (1999)			Westies	(8:50) Billy the Kid: Bible		Billy the Kid: An Invitation		(10:35) Open Range (2003, Western) R		
PARSHO	551	321	365	Ghost ★★★	Daniela Forever (2025, Drama) Henry Golding. R				The Chi: Cold Feet		Hacksaw Ridge (2016, Drama) Andrew Garfield. ★★★★			

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EXTRA TIME

Ferran Torres celebrates his goal in the second half of extra time, lifting Spain to the World Cup title at MetLife Stadium over Argentina and Lionel Messi (inset). Spain dominated throughout but needed more than 100 minutes to find the net and hoist the trophy for the second time. **PAGES 53-50**

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